

are less than the controls that are allowed to be used in a control area. And the idea that representatives of the rural communities gave in this Legislature, in the early 1980's when management areas came into effect, is let's encourage the rural people, farmers to become voluntarily engaged in these management areas so that they can...so that we can get them started in best management practices, and bring this situation under control before it gets out of control. And I think most everybody bought off on that idea, that that's good. And one of the incentives that was created in this distinction between management areas and control areas, was that in the management area you do not have the ability to specifically tax separately those farmers or landowners who are within the management area. The thought was, well, we won't allow them to be taxed, so that will encourage them to create a management area, and that will en...help us get a handle on this situation, and we'll never have to go to control areas. If you take away the tax, the ability or the threat of a special tax in a control area, then you're going to be creating a disincentive for people to engage themselves in management areas. I hope I haven't confused you completely, because it's a very important point. Control areas are harsh, and they are harsh because the situation that they engaging, environmentally, are the worst situations in our state. And to take away the power of the NRD to address the people who are specifically causing the pollution, again I think, especially in the context of the overall structure that we put in place to encourage people to engage pollution would be in error. So I hope you will keep in mind the overall regulatory structure. And, again finally, I would dispute the factual assertion that we don't know where the pollution is coming from exactly. That's true in some cases, certainly. But the only distinction offered between the city factory and the country farm is the certainty of knowledge. And I guess I would rest it there with you. If you, in your hearts, don't believe that the application of fertilizers, and atrazine, and pesticides, if you don't believe that's really what's causing the problem out there, then vote for this bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I would tell you vote for this bill. But...and I guess I'm just confident that that's not the level of understanding in this body. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Lynch.