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the past fis...past tax year statewide was 2.92 cents of all of the districts. They range of a high of 4.1, down to something close to 2. But in the event that an NRD is at or approaching their maximum, and activities that are necessary to enhance, to monitor, to do all of the functions that are related to the creation and ongoing success of an SPA would put them over the 4.5 percent (sic). The committee amendments provide an extra half cent balloon for those purposes. So I'd encourage the adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Does anyone else wish to speak to the committee amendments? Seeing none, I'll recognize Senator Johnson for closing. Closing is waived. We'll now vote on the committee amendments. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted on the committee amendments to LB 21? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 3 nays on adoption of committee amendments, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Committee amendments are adopted. Recognize Senator Coordsen for opening on the bill.

SENATOR COORDSEN: The committee amendments now replace the bill, they are the bill. I think we've spent a considerable amount of floor time on this. I would simply encourage the advancement of the bill as amended.

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

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I hope we'll have a chance to revisit this at a later point in time. But I think the current state of this bill is probably the worst possible philosophy in terms of how we address our environment that we could possibly adopt. We are saying to the individuals who cause pollution, there is not going to be any particular punishment to you or any particular incentive to you to do differently. We are saying to the people in Omaha, for example, if there happens to be an agricultural special protection area way outside the City of Omaha, we're saying to the City of Omaha, because the levy will be districtwide we're saying you pay most of the costs of that, you pay three-fourths of the cost, or whatever the percentage of the NRD levy that comes from Omaha is. That doesn't make any sense to me. If you come from Beatrice, we're saying to people from Beatrice, you