

that because I'm helping the city that is providing services to their constituents. Rural area folks obviously pay city sales tax when they buy machinery or buy cars or buy furniture or whatever it might be in a municipality that has a city sales tax option. They may not like it, but they do it and I guess this is the same situation. We are paying, all of us, for possibly a problem that is specifically in another area. But again, I guess I take the philosophy that we should do whatever is necessary to clean up the water. Obviously, the thing that I think is most cost effective is setting up programs to prevent pollution or contamination from even happening and I think that is the emphasis this Legislature should take, but recognizing that we do have situations that exist in this state, areas that have been polluted already, and it is important, I think, that we use or that the NRDs exercise their option to use the SPAs and identify a funding source to help them begin the process of cleaning up that problem in their specific area. So I would join with Senator Coordsen in asking the body to advance this bill today.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Rod Johnson. Anyone wishing to speak to the advancement of LB 21? Seeing no one, Senator Coordsen, did you wish to close?

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, vary briefly, I think that Senator Beutler and Senator Coordsen have the same intents, that is in proving the quality of groundwater and the rest of our environment into the future, two different approaches. Senator Beutler has proposed to use a hammer. I would suggest that the hammer has been in place since the creation of SPAs and they have not been created simply for, I suppose, a variety of reasons that I'm not privy to. I think they are a good idea, an idea that should be used at least until we see whether or not they can make a difference. I believe with the change in funding that the committee amendment provides, the shape the bill is in today will provide that incentive to develop more SPAs in the district without creating a controversy within the board of directors of NRDs or within, from the people who are proposed to be contained within those boundaries. I think it will enhance the number of districts, will increase the number of districts and have an end result of enhancing the quality of our groundwater. I encourage your adoption of the bill.

SPEAKER BAACK: You heard Senator Coordsen's closing on the advancement of LB 21. We will now vote on the advancement. All