

if we would address that further on Select File?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, if you would like to be a part of the meeting that we will hold to see if we can iron out some of these things, I would certainly invite you to bring that up.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you. And then one final question, on page 49, in line 19, talking about, "Each district encompassed in whole or in part by a management area shall have the power and authority to annually levy a tax not to exceed", and "one and eight-tenths" was stricken and "two and three-tenths" was added "cents on each one hundred dollars" and so forth. Where did that number come from? Why was it raised?

SENATOR BEUTLER: It was the judgment of the NRDs that in the event that one particular NRD might have a management area for two or three or conceivably four different purposes, that the expense of doing it for multiple purposes would be greater than the expense of doing it for one purpose. For example, if you had a management area that was for the quality control of ground water, but at the same time you wanted to have a management area dealing with conjunctive use, having two management areas would be a greater expense, therefore the additional levy that's appropriate, that has been deemed appropriate in the past for districts that create management areas, it was, it seemed appropriate to them that there ought to be more flexibility in the levy.

SENATOR HUDKINS: But they still would be allowed to increase their levy even though they were only using the monies for one purpose.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, that's the way it's been structured up until now, even though they can create districts for more than one purpose right now, yeah.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Hudkins, were you concluded? Thank you. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. LB 108 purports to offer a scheme for resolving conflicts between or among surface water irrigators and ground