

litigation. Do you know a year ago this body came together and in seven days passed the Micron bill because there was some sort of emergency, I guess. It turned out to be an exercise somewhat in futility, and in the long run it looks like we're better off that they didn't come here anyway. But if there's such a propelling need for this legislation, it can happen at the time that propelling need is here, it's not here yet. I asked the question of Senator Bromm if we were trying to get ahead of the curve in problems we have with possible litigation with other states. We are honoring our compacts with other states, they are honoring their compacts with us, this is being taken care of well right now. I would like to remind you that the Director of Water Resources, under my amendment, still is able to...he has the ability to request that NRDs establish a control area, he can still do that. He can still be involved in studies and may bring up interstate conflicts and its recommendations in order to control...affect a control area. He can do that, we don't take that away from him with my amendment. We do allow the local NRDs, with my amendment, to retain the powers that were given to them when the NRDs were established. These NRDs were established, they were put out there in good faith by this legislative body years ago, they haven't done anything to deserve a change in their rules and regulations and their authority, they have not done that. And there is no compelling need today for us to provide them with oversight through the state Department of Water Resources, it is not there, we have no need to do that to our NRDs. Now we've got a whole bunch of amendments up here yet. I would like to stop the debate, if this amendment is adopted my amendments will come off. If it's not, we'll continue the debate, it's as simple as that. This is...this amend...my amendment allows us to keep the control at the local level. With the bill, 108, as the amendment is presented to us, we lose that local control, some of it. It's a foot in the door for state government. With 108, as it's presented to us today, we put three more people on the payroll, the fiscal note is \$100,000, with my amendment that is eliminated. I think most of us here want to downsize government. Nobody has proven to me in this debate that there's a compelling need for this legislation, it has not been proven to me. We are honoring our compacts, the other states are honoring their compacts. If we need this legislation, we have ample opportunity, if we need legislation to do something about the compacts, we have ample opportunity for us to do that. Micron was a good example of that, it can happen. I would urge