

now is looking at potentially merging with the NRD. I don't know if that will take place. They feel that they could do a lot of the work on the dike by themselves at a cheaper cost than what the natural resource district will do, and will spend tax dollars, but it is important. And I think any attempt we can do to further identify the various natural resource dist...or drainage districts, we should. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator. Senator Avery, thank you. Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: (Mike off) ...this that the natural shall consult with the county treasury, because I have some land that is, and I pay a drainage district tax, and you don't normally get a treasury...a bill from the county treasurer, so I think that's good, if the natural resource district would check with each one of the counties that they have a treasurer. So I think that would cover that, we'd be able to identify these. So I rise to support the amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Beutler, to close. Closing is waived. The question is, shall the Beutler amendment be adopted? All in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of Senator Beutler's amendment.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The Beutler amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Beutler would move to amend with 4170. (See page 1605 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Withem, members of the Legislature, this is a more substantive matter and I hope that you will pay close attention to it because I think it's very important to the process that we are setting out. Basically, what this amendment does is to add school districts to counties in terms of those types of institutions that we would like to encourage seriously to look at consolidation and to look at the possibilities of consolidation. You may recall that there is now in the bill a provision that says, and I am quoting Section 10 in the Enrollment and Review amendment to 1085, in case any of you