

emphasize, is a decision of the NRD board, in that regard, and only if they create a management area. The NRD board cannot just arbitrarily go establish a rule creating a different classification of wells unless they go through the procedure of establishing a management area. And I guess, as we discussed in the Water Council, my opposition, perhaps, and in wanting to stay with correlative rights was based on the...on the idea that policy generally is for the entire state and that it would seem kind of ridiculous to have a well which was on the south side of the road perhaps be grandfathered in because it's in a particular NRD. And if the other side of the road was the boundary line and a different NRD, they might...they might be subject to simply correlative rights. And you're always going to have those borderline areas where I guess it's sort of like school districts, really, where on one side of the road you might pay two dollars...two dollars a hundred school tax and on the other side a dollar a hundred. That happens and has happened in the past. This definitely is...goes along with local control, the provision that's in the bill, and I'm...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR BROMM: ...I'm willing to...to place that in policy because I guess I...I do have quite a bit of confidence in the...in the NRD boards that they will not enact a policy in this area that would be...that would be without a lot of study and thought and then hopefully would not be in the best interest of their NRD district. So I can support the policy as it's written. As I said, I think in months past I haven't thought necessarily that was the best policy. But I'm willing to...willing to accede to that and I think we can live with this policy and give it a chance. Senator Wickersham has some valid points about it as well, not the least of which is by having this date in there or this possibility of a grandfathering date in there, you do probably encourage more precipitation of well drilling in some parts of the state...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR BROMM: ...than you would otherwise. And that is probably a disadvantage, but thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Coordsen.