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certainly this bill was indefinitely postponed for a reason. It's too broad. And in fact the eminent domain power of natural resources districts may be too broad the way it is. I wouldn't...I can't find a whole lot of reasons we need to broaden it, in fact it probably should be reigned in to a great degree. So with that, Mr. Speaker, I yield my time.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I, too, am sympathetic of the issue, but I do stand in opposition of returning the bill to the floor at this time. I think many of the reasons have already been stated. As a member of the Natural Resources Committee, we did listen very carefully to the testimony. I believe there were 3 people testifying in support and about 13 people opposing the bill, plus the room was filled with those people, residents from that area. I don't believe that the residents are opposed to the plan of having some flood control. It is the largeness of the dam and the recreational aspect that seems to be causing the dispute. Again, it's been stated, I do support the authority of the elected county commissioners. If we would pass this bill and usurp the authority of local elected officials, we would then give the power to a state agency, which I do not believe is really what we want to do. I believe that both parties do need to work to find some resolution in this manner. I do not believe that this is an issue to be resolved by the Legislature. It does need to be resolved on the local level. If we would make a change in statute, it could certainly result in some unforeseen circumstances in a whole lot of areas throughout the state. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Beutler, followed by Senator Jones.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I wish there were time to speak in response to the various arguments made. That really needs to be done at some point in time. But let me point out to you that what's being suggested as a solution is not a complete overwhelming of the counties. I passed out to you the operative language of the bill, which basically in the end suggests that if the two groups don't agree let the district court decide where the benefits lie in the