

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE  
Transcriber's Office  
FLOOR DEBATE

March 3, 2004            LB 962

instead of goods and in the service industry, because there's only so much. We're not taxing the services. I got off the subject, but it's the same principle. There's only so much money and you just divide it in a smaller pot.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, thank you. I'll pick up my next time around, Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Chambers. This will be your third time, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, I am torn. On occasion, people have yielded me their time. This being my third time, I nevertheless am going to yield it to Senator Beutler.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, you have almost five minutes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Schrock, let me explore, if I can, some of the other things that the policy task force suggested in terms of NRD participation, for example. And let me ask you if the provisions of AM2849, that amendment you're intending, you're intending that amendment to apply to the NRDs and to be a part of the bill in terms of empowering the NRDs to levy additional taxes.

SENATOR SCHROCK: That is correct.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. And the...in the policy task force description, it recommended that the additional levy be imposed only in ground water management areas. It doesn't appear that your amendment limits it to ground water management areas, or is the alternative language in your amendment, does it mean the same thing, or is that a bit of a different concept?

SENATOR SCHROCK: The money...the money that the 1-cent levy for NRDs would raise would be intended to be used to implement the provisions of the water task force, and would not be intended to be...to fund any other provisions of the natural resource districts' budget.