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the Municipal and Rural Domestic Ground Water Transfer Permit Act, then they would have the ability to do that, and the NRD would then be given the opportunity to approve their permit, and there wouldn't necessarily have to be that separate process. So I believe what we have here is a good working solution going forward. I'm happy to say that the situation to this point has been resolved. Both the city and the NRD are moving forward. There has been fault on both sides of that issue working for this because it is such a highly contested and emotional issue in this community, but I'm fortunate to say to you that it appears that they have worked out their disagreements and they have come to some understanding. They're going to move forward and we're going to continue to watch that discussion, but we hope that by the adoption of the provisions that I have offered to the body, by working with Senator Schrock, that we will be able to avoid this situation in other communities. But I think the thing that's key to realize, we need to figure out how it is that we're going to collectively work together to solve these problems and not get into an adversarial situation, and I think that has probably been a difficult thing for a lot of people to realize, that this problem will only go away if people recognize that we are connected as far as the water that we use and the interests that are out there. And if we can work together with each other to resolve those issues, it generally will create us a much better situation for whatever part of the community or the state that we live in. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Erdman. Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I do support this amendment because I believe it's important that we do allow the natural resources districts the opportunity to raise that additional 1 cent if necessary, and we're saying only if necessary and if it is used for these water projects. I just wish that each of you could have had the opportunity to attend one of the task force meetings in the last 18 months that these were held. These people worked very, very hard in trying to bring together all of the different concerns, and they had as much disagreement and discussion as we are having right now and...but they did come to a compromise. And that's why we're saying that this is just the first step. We're