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then I think that we revisit the issue in regard to how...why we want the door to be open about this permission that we are giving in LB 217. So my rationale for supporting the committee amendment had nothing to do with having a problem with activities of NRDs. It had to do with what I think the central mission of LB 217 is, and whether our first step shouldn't be to the most obvious activities that we want to promote, and then if we're willing to open the door wider, to do that in a very measured, considered process. And, with that, I would yield the rest of my time to Senator Flood, because I think that Senator Flood needed to address some issues about the levy limits and budget limits. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brown. Senator Flood, about a minute and a half.

SENATOR FLOOD: Thank you, Senator Brown. I want to correct the record. I answered a question from Senator Raikes a moment ago regarding lid levy limitations and I was thinking that we had a school district that wanted to partner with a city, and a city cannot build a school when its a city and a school together. Two schools could. And, no, under 13-520 and under LB 217 in front of you, participants in this are not subject to the lid and levy limitations, and I would call your attention to 13-520(3) with regard to political subdivisions and where restricted funds apply and where they don't. So it would be over and above the restricted funds, but the saving grace, I believe, for political subdivisions is that not more than 5 percent of the restricted funds could be used to pay for debt service on an annual basis for whatever project that we're doing. So if you had a school district that had \$2 million in restricted funds, what would that be, \$100,000 of that could be used each year for debt service. But that 5 percent restriction or 5 percent of restricted funds is meant to be kind of a safeguard so we don't have these Taj Mahals being built. And I really believe that that's, together with the ability for citizens to...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR FLOOD: ...petition against such a project after a