

for the use of this money anyhow by the economics of the situation when it costs more to produce center pivot irrigated corn than what the corn price is. I think that they are not going to use the money anyhow, and we have... I have an accompanying amendment on the same page in the Legislative Journal that would spell out as a criteria that they wait and hold up and reduce the number of irrigation wells that they put down at state expense. I think that as a matter of principle when the rest of us in agriculture are taking allotments it is absolutely ridiculous for the State of Nebraska to invest state funds to produce more corn so that we can sell it for less, or so that we can take allotments in this situation. It is a good place where we can get \$400,000 directed into the school funds to replace property tax and I can just see no option or no reason for going ahead and carrying the entire million dollars over to the Department of Education Lands and Funds. If there are any questions, I would be glad to answer them.

PRESIDENT: Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President, a question of Senator Burrows. Are any of these wells drilled in critical areas designated such?

SENATOR BURROWS: Well, I really don't really have a good knowledge where they are going with their plans. Because it dropped 80,000 now. They did drill wells in critical areas, at least critical from their standpoint that they thought that there were power lines coming through in recent years and they were in a hurry to get these wells in before some of the power lines came through.

SENATOR MARESH: We have no information if they are actually drilling new irrigation wells in critical areas, do we?

SENATOR BURROWS: I don't have information on that. There may be someone here in the Legislature that does. But, I don't think that we have any guarantees that they are not drilling wells in critical water areas either.

SENATOR MARESH: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The question is the adoption of Senator...excuse me Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I appreciate what Senator Burrows is trying to do. I do not agree with the concepts, personally however. In response to Senator Maresh to your question, I. Senator Mills is here now, he had indicated when we were visiting about the budget that there might be a possibility that a well could be dug on the Educational Lands and Funds areas that might be in a critical water area. I think Senator Mills told me once, we talked about it at least that of putting a prohibition on those specific areas and I can see where that would be an appropriate thing to do and that kind of language could be put into the intent bill, 957 when we discuss it in the morning, I would see no problem about that. But, I have a concern about prohibiting the digging of irrigation wells in