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SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I tend to agree with Senator Kelly. I want to commend Senator Kremer for the work he has put on this bill and I think that we can, of course, be concerned about it. I recognize the very deep concern he has about the language of the bill but, at the present time I would rather not see it go back to a committee because I have an idea that it will die there, and I think that we really ought to try to work it out if we can because there ought to be some guidelines for the court to follow and as Senator Kremer has pointed out, there are some serious questions relative to the underground water, but certainly this body ought to be willing to try to address those questions and I know that we are going to have opposition from some people who contend that the irrigator is going to surreptitiously take away some of that underground water that a domestic user might be using. But I think there is adequate water underground for the Nebraska citizens, that we have the right and the responsibility and the obligation to assure all citizens an opportunity to use that water, and so if Senator Kremer really wants the bill to go back to committee and the committee will work on it, that would be fine with me because that would be the place to do it. On the other hand, if the bill is going to go back to committee to be killed, then I would oppose it because I think this bill needs to be passed. It needs to be passed hopefully this year because another year is not going to give us that much more wisdom or knowledge than we have today. There are people here in this body, the next few days, who can put that bill into condition to be passed into law and to be workable, and I would hope that rather than to send it back to committee that we would take the time in the next day or so and develop the bill so that it does become a part of the Nebraska statute and guarantee the rights of the Nebraska citizens to use that underground water in an equitable manner.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President and members of the body, here we go again. You talk about facing up to the issues of water in the State of Nebraska. One of the first problems we need to face up to is, who has the right to drill a well and to what depth, and who does not have a right to drill a well at any depth? Now we have gotten this bill in such a position that we are ready to abandon it right in the middle of the stream. I think we need this legislation. I think