

can do after that. So we are limited in a way to what depths we can go in most areas.

SENATOR DUIS: I'll agree with you a hundred percent. A person wouldn't put down an irrigation well today until he went as far as he could go.

SENATOR KAHLE: That's correct. Thank you.

SENATOR DUIS: And if he hit oil down there, why it would be worse than if he didn't get the water.

SENATOR KAHLE: Well, we've been trying for a long time, but it never seems to work out.

SENATOR DUIS: Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Members of the body, in answer to Senator Duis's amendment, I would thoroughly agree that we have domestic wells that were drilled years ago that barely went into the aquifer with the old method of drilling wells, and I think what you're attempting to get at, Senator Duis, is that these wells need some type of protection. Now, what is...the wording in this LB 27...it states that reasonable shall include, but not be limited to whether the depth was such as to anticipate potential well interference from those irrigation wells in use when the domestic well was drilled, and I submit to you that you are right, Senator Duis. There are a lot of domestic wells that were drilled when there was no irrigation well within forty miles of that domestic well at that time, and now there's irrigation wells all around them. But I think what we're trying to address here is that these old wells, that were barely in the water table, and as Senator Kahle alluded to our water table has always gone up and down, some of these wells were in danger of going dry at times anyhow. And to hold an irrigator responsible for these old wells that were barely in the aquifer would seem a little bit unreasonable to me. Excuse me.

SENATOR DUIS: Go ahead, if you have something else, senator.

SENATOR VICKERS: Well, I was just going to say that, personally, I liked the wording as it was in LB 27 before the proposed amendment, except for Section 5 of the proposed amendment. I think that part is all right, but the rest of it I don't particularly care for.

SENATOR DUIS: Well, Senator Vickers, I wanted to ask of you