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protect the state's dwindling groundwater supply. The Legislature further declares that it is in the public interest of this state to financially assist in encouraging water and related land resource conservation measures on privately owned land and that this will produce long term benefits for the general public." I would remind you that construction can only be done when the drainage area is less than 2,000 acres. This is where the water needs to be retained. This is where the emphasis should be.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President and members of the body, I have listened with interest to the debate this morning and wondered whether I should rise to add my two cents worth or not. As a developer of land and watching the process of irrigation, it would seem perhaps that maybe I could add a little bit to the discussion. I understand what Senator Schmit is saying and some of the problems that we have with government programs but I believe it is a little bit too soon to kill this project. I think that it is started. It is apparently doing a good job. I called my home county a couple of days ago and find that two reuse pits have been finished or in the process and two more are planned. Of course, these will not be built unless some extra funding is put into the pot. They will have to wait until after July 1st, for the next fiscal year. So it is working and, of course, reuse pits in an irrigated area are essential to the conservation of water, the saving of water and, of course, the problems of running water from one farm on to the other so I think it is an excellent program. I am a little bit perturbed myself at the fact that we have so many different titles for our water program and I would hope that someday maybe we can change this and get it back together but I certainly believe that we haven't had time to really try out 359 and so I will support the kill motion. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I am awfully touched by all the allocations and illusions about giving them the time. You know it reminds me a little bit of what happened when my daughter brought home a St. Bernard puppy. He was a cute little cuss, you know, about so high and everybody loved him. Everybody in the neighborhood wanted him. Gosh, he was friendly and cuddly and just a real nice pet. Well, unfortunately, my daughter