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county assessor would be determined as one that has brought in new irrigated land, land that previously was dry land now is irrigated land. Now, obviously, at least in my county and most of the counties I am familiar with, the irrigation well itself is not assessed. Instead the valuation of the land is changed and I guess basically what I am saying here is that if you put a new house on your property, it raises the valuation of your entire property because of that and this seemed like it should be fair to me.

SENATOR LAMB: My point is that I am not sure, it is not clear in my mind, I hope it is clear in other people's mind exactly when I should report this well. Which well do I report? There are some wells I can drill and don't have to report. There would be other wells that would not be classified as a new well. I think we are in a fuzzy area here because sometimes you drill a new well which...I don't know, a newly drilled well. We are not talking about a newly drilled well. We are talking about a well which does not irrigate any land that is previously irrigated by some other well, is that what we are talking about?

SENATOR VICKERS: That would be my intention, yes. We are talking about a well that irrigates land that wasn't previously irrigated by some other well.

SENATOR LAMB: Do you not think that language or some similar language should be in the bill so that everybody else knows what we are talking about.

SENATOR VICKERS: I'd certainly be amenable to that if you wanted to amend it to that direction. Now I would hasten to add, I think right now there are penalties involved but I didn't draft 689, somebody else did.

SENATOR LAMB: I guess my thinking at this point is that perhaps your amendment should be clarified before it is added to the bill. I think we are muddying it up here a bit and I am not sure that we are going to know what we are talking about if your amendment is added to the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker, members, I am getting more confused by the minute because the well is part of the real estate. If you don't believe that, ask the School