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the well would be included at all whether it is a five hundred foot well or a two hundred foot well. It would make very little difference to the valuation of the land determined by the county, by the county assessor, as to whether or not it was valued as irrigated or dry land would be the difference.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Just what do you intend to accomplish by adding the words "new irrigation well" to the language then? If the land is going to be increased in value based upon the fact that it is already irrigated land, what additional valuation would you gain by adding the words "new irrigation well"?

SENATOR VICKERS: Well, it would seem to me that if the person puts a new irrigation well down, reports that new irrigation well, then, obviously, the county assessor would determine how many new irrigated acres he had to be assessed as. Now quite honestly, I don't think we would have any problem with this in my section of the state. I think we have already got penalties. As I indicated earlier, the need for 689, first of all, escapes me because when we built a new house and put up a new farrowing house a few years ago, the assessor was out before we even got it done and I thought there was a penalty there already. Whenever anybody puts a new irrigation well out in my area, why it is assessed as irrigated farmground before they even get a chance to irrigate it but it was expressed to us in the committee by Senator Sieck and some other people that, in fact, in certain areas of the state this didn't happen. So I guess all I was doing, when I looked at 689, I thought, well, if we are going to include the changes in valuation, that should include any changes that would cause the valuation to be changed and that is what I am attempting to do here, Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I am going to reread this. I think you are probably right. I think we agree maybe on the lack of the necessity for 689, I am not sure, but I don't think we need to further complicate the issue. I will take a look at it again but I am going to oppose it at the present time.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Speaker, one more question directed to Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Yes.