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support all of the various bureaucracies and government employees and other people who feed off of the productivity of the land, have a greater interest in maintaining that productivity, that reliability, than has anyone else. I do appreciate deeply the interest of the urban legislators in this area but I think that you need to recognize that there are differences of opinion in these areas. We talk about well spacing in the Upper Republican area and the need for a control area. Those people have the tools and they are using them. There are people in this part of the state, Senators, if you put it to a vote of the people, who would say no one should irrigate in an area of fifteen inches of rainfall or attempt to raise corn there and yet there are people who are doing an excellent job out there, and so if you were to put the issue to a majority vote, it is very likely that someone would say that you should only irrigate in an area of forty inches of rainfall where you don't need to irrigate. The irrigation normally follows the drier areas and the drier climates.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have one minute left.

SENATOR SCHMIT: And if you were to only make it possible to irrigate where you didn't need to, you'd never have a problem. I want to point out also that the individual who makes the decision relative to the investment is not going to make that investment if the aquifer does not warrant it. There are going to be mistakes, of course, but probably far fewer mistakes by the man betting \$60,000 on his judgment than by an individual who has no economic interest and no economic investment. I support the Lamb amendment. I think that if the Lamb amendment is not adopted the entire committee amendments will eventually be rejected.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Beutler, I will recognize you and then recognize Senator Lamb to close.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I would just like to make a couple of remarks. First of all I would like to respond to Senator Haberman's assertion that perhaps this was a hasty action. Senator Hoagland has already gone over for you just briefly some of the details of where this bill came from but I might mention to you that after a long period of drafts and redrafts in the summer that the Public Works Committee took those drafts of this bill and went across the state. I think we had three public hearings on it and then it was brought back and Public Works redrafted it again before it was introduced and before it ever had a public hearing through