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make law enforcement officers enforce the law. There is nothing that we can do to make county attorneys exercise discretion to prosecute, and so I simply submit to you the bill is not necessary and we might as well indefinitely postpone it.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: My good friend, Vard, just said he thinks Sam is probably right. I would contend Sam is totally wrong. There are example after example of things where we have used one method and it hasn't worked and we look around and we say, hey, will this idea work better? The system now goes something like this. You go and do something after the fact, after there has been damage usually, after there is just so much pressure from somebody going into a ditch or a school bus having trouble or somebody not being able to get home. They bring and they put so much pressure on the county attorney that maybe he goes out and he talks to the one guy. But you still have the basic problem out there watering the roads, and God I hope they don't run this on ETV up in my territory. It is a problem in our territory, it really is, and I have known and argued with both sides about the benefits of having the irrigation and how we can't hamper them too much and how we can't hassle them too much, and harass them, and I do some irrigating up there. Schmit had claimed I don't do any of it physically or anything like that, any of that, but something should be done, as long as you want to say it is a problem, that more forcefully addresses it. Stop it in advance. The technology is there and I use my example again. Senator Kremer gave the best example in committee. You know, he didn't want to do this either, and he acknowledged it and he is not here but you can ask the committee members, he acknowledged it wasn't that big a deal. You don't have to go out and maybe buy the end gun, you can put a valve on there where they don't have anything at all, put a post over here where it hits it and a post over there and it is going to trigger it off and trigger it on. And, Sam, you are right, there are going to be problems. It isn't going to work a 110 percent of the time. My automobile lights don't work 110 percent of the time. But the basic system is there that prevents the problem from even occurring in the first place. Now, I will give you one good example that I am going to get every year, have every year since I have been here, the town of Inman, Nebraska. A lot of center pivots in that area, and remember this, we are up there in the sandhills country where the water is just coming out of the ground almost in most places, and so when you get a little water