

a means of controlling dramatic large scale developments, and that is why this bill came to us. The need was recognized but the need is there to control dramatic large scale immediate developments in agriculture as well as industrial type developments, and it is needed as much to protect the small farmer as it is to protect anybody. If somebody like Foxley or one of the big development corporations comes in and makes this immediate kind of dramatic development, it is the rancher next to him that has the wet meadows that dry up, it is the rancher next to him that grows a little bit of grain for his livestock who can no longer get ground water that is dramatically affected. There are a lot and lot of agricultural people who are dramatically affected by the large scale developments and we are coming to a time in this state when we have to start thinking about whether we can allow development to go on without any regulatory scheme whatsoever. Think of our regulatory scheme in two parts. We are developing now our ground water control system. We are developing a system that allows NRDS in the long run, in the long run, to take a look at the situation and with the concurrence of the people in their district set up a scheme that regulates development for the benefit of all, for the benefit of existing water uses, for the protection of existing water users. But that system is not suitable or has no application to and cannot be directed against the immediate large scale development that is going to take place just like that and it is done, and then there is nothing you can do to stop it. The mechanism that we have does not go into effect quick enough to deal with that kind of a problem. So I view Sam Cullan's idea as a very good one, a very sound one. It is an interim measure. It is a way that we have of taking a step back temporarily and looking at the situation and saying, "Should we jump into this so fast? Should we consider these factors outlined in the bill?" I think the answer is yes. It is yes for a power plant that could affect everybody in the region. It is yes for industrial uses that could affect everybody in the region. Now Sam talked about concentrated uses as opposed to nonconcentrated uses. Well, let me tell you, fourteen or fifteen center pivots right altogether is a fairly concentrated use.

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator Beutler, one minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: If concentrated use were what we're concerned about, there wouldn't be this bill because we would rely on our judicial system which allows you right now to sue somebody next door to you who creates a cone of depression and, thereby, takes away your use of the