

out in any period of time. I guess I just don't like the language reservoir life as indicating that it has an end to it. Life as we know it has an end and I don't think that is a good policy statement for this Legislature to make. I agree irrigated agriculture is of vital importance to this state. It has made unknown contributions as it relates to the economic stability of agriculture. I remember years ago before we had irrigated agriculture out in my area and where I live right now and you knew that you were going to dry out about every other year or two years out of three. It is not that way now and it is great and I expect it and I want it to be that way and I want our Legislature to say that we want it to be that way for my children and my children's children and their children and future generations forever and that is what I am trying to insert in this language. This is not to take anything away from those areas that have control areas right now because this is a broad policy statement and this does not take anything away from local control. It is simply general, broad policy guidelines we're telling the local NRDs this is really what the Legislature would like for you to do and I think it is important that we clarify that language in the statutes and not leave the language in that talks about the goal shall be to extend the life of the reservoir to the greatest extent practicable. So I urge your adoption of this amendment and your careful consideration to this signal that we're sending to the natural resources districts and to the people of this state as to what our intentions are and let it be clear, my intention is to have that water there forever. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Would Senator Vickers yield to a question? Senator Vickers, I'm sorry I was visiting over here when you first started talking about your proposed amendment. You're referring to the intent section, section one, and you want to change the word "practicable" to...go over that again, will you please?

SENATOR VICKERS: The sentence as it reads right now, Senator Kremer, on lines nineteen through twenty-three says, "The Legislature determines that the goal shall be to extend ground water reservoir life to the greatest extent practicable, consistent with beneficial use of the ground water and best management practices." What I am suggesting would change it to say, "The Legislature determines that the goal shall be to