

Those principles are thoroughly embedded in section one as it is drafted and to assume that you can make anything last indefinitely is going to require additional action. There are other bills that are being discussed on this floor that will have an impact upon that. As Senator Kremer has indicated there will be the need to store water, to transport water, to move it from one area to another some of which is not exactly in line with my thinking but I recognize the truth of the matter and I recognize that if we are going to make the wisest use of the resource that we must do things in the future that we have not done in the past as Senator Kahle has said. There are many issues in this bill which two or three years ago I would have opposed vigorously. As I said, the moratorium is still in there. I don't think the moratorium will work but it is in there. If a district decides it needs it as an instrument for a period of time and I don't like it or somebody else doesn't like it, they can resort to the courts but the point is that it is in there. The referendum is out of there. The funding is in there. We have done those things which are reasonable, practical and within the concept that this Legislature can address but to say that we are going to extend the water reservoir indefinitely, again I come back to what I said earlier. Mr. Vince Dreeszin, who I think is perhaps one of the more knowledgeable people on water in the underground reservoir or any person in this state, has said on repeated occasions that even the matter of a sustained yield is difficult to identify because so many factors might impact it. You have your annual rainfall, you have your drouth, you have the various cropping practices and it may take a three year cycle, five year cycle, twenty year cycle to know what a sustained yield is. I think that we can recognize that there are honest differences of opinion here but as Senator Kremer has pointed out, the first perfect bill has never yet passed this Legislature. The first bill which all of us will universally agree upon and come back in years later and agree it was an excellent piece of legislation has not yet been passed. But the bill as drafted without the Vickers amendment is a good start and I want to point out that there isn't anything in the language that Senator Vickers has proposed that is clearly identifiable and that would be, in my opinion, of any greater resource to the district than the language which Senator Kremer and others and I have agreed upon. So I would ask you to reject Senator Vickers' amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature,