

are concerned or believe that possibly inserting this new level of management area will slow down the conservation effort. No one will establish any more control areas because the management area concept exists and in what form it will exist and how many of them will exist is the question of judgment that this Legislature must make. But when the management area is declared we are starting down the road to addressing the aquifer problem in a particular NRD and when we start down that road and this is where Senator Vickers' amendment becomes very important, what direction... (interruption.)

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Beutler, your time is up. You'll have to put your light on for another time. Senator Remmers is next.

SENATOR REMMERS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I want to admit right away that I don't know a whole lot about the water problem but I do have some philosophies about it that I would like to express at this time. I intend to support 375 because I have a lot of respect for the two men, Senator Kremer and Senator Schmit, that they are honestly trying to solve the water problem and so I do intend to support the bill because, as I say, I'm not an expert in it and I do have a lot of confidence in those two and some of the things they are saying make a lot of sense but I do like to express my opinion on just a few things. One, I don't think we will ever get anything agreed that I can't dig a well when everybody else has dug one. I think it is going to be very hard to say that someone cannot dig a well. I do think that we can come to some kind of agreement where we will say that in this area nobody pumps over ten inches of water per acre or twenty inches per water, whatever it would be. I think we can have that kind of a rule but there is a philosophy that I think needs to be expressed in this and I would differ with Senator Kremer and Senator Schmit on this. I realize it is very difficult to say that this water is going to last so many years but I adhere to the philosophy that was expressed by Senator Vickers that I think we have to think of many, many years down the road. Now fossil fuels, we can find a replacement for them when they're gone but there is no replacement for water. It may take a moratorium that we can't pump at all. It may be very impractical but I would at least like to see the philosophy expressed by this body that we must do all in our power to protect that water supply for generations down the road and for that reason, I will support Senator Vickers' amendment.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Sieck.