

tional water to put in certain areas out there. Now the language says that the goal shall be to maintain the productivity of the ground water reservoir. It doesn't say you have to shut off wells. It says the goal is to maintain that productivity. If there is any possibility of getting more water for recharge, that is part of the policy statement that we're trying to make. Obviously I would like to do that in many, many areas. I think we all agree to that. It just becomes a matter of whose ox is getting gored, where we are getting the water from, I guess is what it boils down to if you remember the discussions on 252 a year ago. So what we're talking about here is not telling any NRD that you have to go out there and shut somebody's well off and cement it shut. It is discretionary to be used by those local people. It is simply broad policy statements on our part that we would like them to, as much as possible, the Legislature determines that the goal shall be to maintain productivity of the ground water reservoir indefinitely consistent with the beneficial use of ground water and best management practices. Now I suggest that a vote on this issue is simply one of, do you think that the policy statements of this Legislature makes....

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute left. Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: ...should be that we are going to have water for future generations or should it be, as the language indicates and I didn't indicate that this is not a substantial change, it is a substantial change because the language that is in here right now, to me says that the policy is to mind the water, to use...to extend the ground water reservoir life, extend the life out as far as practicable but still use it up sometime. I'm changing that dramatically. So a yes vote here is for the future, a no vote is to agree that at some point in time the reservoir shall be used up.

SENATOR CLARK: The question before the House is the adoption of the Vickers amendment to the Kremer amendment. This only takes a simple majority to pass. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting no.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted? Once more, have you all voted? Record the vote. A record vote has been requested.

CLERK: (Read record vote as found on pages 342-343 of the Legislative Journal.) 13 ayes, 26 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Vickers' amendment.