

I got no response from your office at all. So it is certainly not correct to say that you adopted every amendment that was sent to you. Now, Senator Schmit, if a hundred years is unacceptable to you, would you accept 75 years as an aquifer life bill?

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I would not accept 75 years. It is a totally inoperable kind of amendment and if you knew anything about the irrigation and the aquifer and the reservoir, Senator Hoagland, you would not propose it.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Senator Schmit, would you accept 30 years as an aquifer life goal. I mean, will you accept their proposition that we want our aquifers in the state to last at least 30 years and we are not going to use them up more quickly than that?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Senator Hoagland, the language which Senator Kremer and I have in the bill extends the reservoir life based upon the existing reservoir, based upon existing information, depending upon the wisdom of the local natural resource district's board. It is absolutely ridiculous to try to read into the law or place into the statute a 30 year life. That would not be acceptable to any of us.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Well, so, Senator Schmit, you are telling us you are not even willing to tell the members of this body or the people of the State of Nebraska you will accept 30 years as a minimum aquifer life goal for the aquifers in this state. How about 10 years, Senator Schmit? Will you accept 10 years?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Senator Hoagland, well, I am not going to get sarcastic. I am tempted to. The point is this, Senator Hoagland, you obviously don't understand the bill. Even though you have proposed extensive amendments for it, you have failed to recognize the relationship between the reservoir, the replenishment, the recharge, the many other factors that are involved regardless of how diligently, if you pump those wells 24 hours a day during most of the summer months, you couldn't deplete 90 percent of the water in the State of Nebraska in 10 years. You couldn't do it. You would have to pump it into the Platte and the Missouri Rivers. So your amendment makes absolutely no sense, and I am sure you recognize that.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. President, I think that...I have spent at least a year studying this bill very carefully and