

SENATOR KREMER: Senator Hoagland, your present proposal is that a life span of 100 years be the goal and that is the minimum, 100 years?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Yes. What it is, Senator Kremer, is that the NRDs can do whatever they want in terms of regulating water but that has to be consistent with a 100 year life span. In other words, they can't permit 5 percent of an aquifer to be drawn out in one year.

SENATOR KREMER: Okay, thank you, Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: It is simply a floor of 100 years.

SENATOR KREMER: As I said yesterday, I only wish that were possible and I would go along with you. I would like to submit to you that about 10 years ago a gentleman by the name of Peter Huntoon, I believe he was with the Conservation and Survey Division, wrote a most excellent paper in the form of a pamphlet. I wish I had it with me. And he looked at the Upper Big Blue. I only use that as an illustration. There are about four areas like this in the state, but he wrote a paper and as I recall, he was pretty conclusive in his summarization of what is happening in the Upper Big Blue and that probably...and that was 10 years ago, and he said in about 40 years we would be out of water practically speaking and leave enough for domestic use and so on. So what would happen in your opinion if the Upper Big Blue NRD would go for a 100 year life goal? What would they have to do in your opinion to reach that?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Well, Senator Kremer, if this amendment were adopted, why the Upper Big Blue would have to impose regulations so that no more than one-one hundredth of the water could be drawn out of that aquifer in one year. But as I indicated to Senator Schmit, I have another amendment up on 30 years, Senator Kremer. Could you support a 30 year minimum aquifer life goal? And, of course, this would set in only if the NRD set up a management area. What this amendment does, as you know, if the NRDs decide to set up a management area and start allocating water, then the minimum that aquifer has got to last is 30 years in the case of the second amendment. Now would you support a 30 year amendment, Senator Kremer? Could you support that? Now that should give the NRDs as much latitude as they need.

SENATOR KREMER: I am not sure I can answer your question whether I will support it or not at this point. I wish to