

think in terms of generations not one generation or two generations, but many generations. You know, if we set stewardship principle as far as our land and water and air are concerned, it is pretty reckless, it is pretty irresponsible to....actually it is kind of insulting to say that, hey, we are only going to preserve this for 30 years. That is kind of ridiculous because we all think in terms of time, in terms of land, in terms of water certainly longer than a 30 year period. In fact, when I heard the first proposal of Senator Hoagland's of a 100 years, we are going to use it up in a 100 years. We are going to plan to exhaust it in a 100 years. I thought, hey, that is not long enough, and now we are sitting here with 30 years which is a minute in the clock of the spectrum of land and water and air, and we won't even accept 30 years. Good heavens, what kind of a responsibility are we assuming? I think this is a serious matter and I think everybody ought to think and seek into their own conscience and in their own thinking before they cast a vote on this amendment. This is more important than just pride of authorship. This is a very significant important concept. Now are we actually going to say that we will not even accept a 30 year period? I can't believe we will do that. I think this is an issue that we really need to think through rather than just shallowly looking at the who is doing what, where and why, and take a look at this issue.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President and members, this is the most stupid discussion I have ever heard, that we think that we are so great that we are going to be able to figure out exactly how long something is going to last that we have no control of, or very little control of, or at least we don't want to control what we could do with it. I want to tell you something. In my own area in the early forties the wells were going in like toothpicks. It was nothing to see two or three well machines in the same area and in our area you can put a well in in half a day. And the word was that you guys are going to pump the water all out of the Platte Valley and you are going to turn it back to desert. That same time the tri-county system came into being and 10 years later we were digging drainage ditches to get rid of the water. Now what I am trying to tell you is that we can alter things to a degree and what Senator Peterson and some of the rest of them are saying, the water is here, the water is being provided for us, it's how we use it that makes a difference how long the aquifer is going to last. And it doesn't make any difference what kind of a....I would not be a part of saying that we were