

that he talks about insofar as maintaining that 1 percent of the saturated thickness per year over any 5-year period is an indeterminate...it's an absolutely indeterminate factor. You have to use the best available information you have and that will vary from one part of the state to the other. It will vary from one area to another. It will vary within an area, and that is going to have to be determined on an area by area basis and the best you can do, the best you can do is to try to shoot for some kind of useful utilization of the aquifer. Now if you want to shut it off, which is really what Senator Hoagland is trying to do, Senator Hoagland is anti-irrigation even though he claims not to be. Senator Hoagland has picked up a point which he thinks is a popular one and one which he thinks is going to sell to the public and he is attempting by use of this method here with some other people who do not know what they are talking about either, most of them in the press, to sell a point. Now, Senator Hoagland, this is not a court of law. You do not need to convince a jury. You need to convince 24 of your peers that what you are doing is reasonable. I suggest that what you are doing is not practical, it is not possible, it is not reasonable, and there is no.... it makes no economic sense. This bill has had more discussion and more debate. It has been dragged back and forth for almost two legislative sessions. It has been fine-tuned more than any piece of legislation which I have seen in my fourteen years in this body. And I have read all of your amendments, Senator Hoagland, and I would have to suggest that none of them are of any substantive value. As Senator DeCamp had a series of amendments, and he withdrew them, because although they may have one or two words here or there which you could change, they do nothing of substance to the bill. I do not believe that if you are serious about wanting to enact water legislation in the State of Nebraska that you can be serious about the adoption of these amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: You have one minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I will not take any more time, Mr. President. We have taken far too much time debating an issue on which I am sure most of us have already made up their mind. I ask you to oppose this amendment and all other subsequent Hoagland amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I'm not going to take a lot of time. I don't think