

of water, that is different. You only apply irrigation water upon irrigated acres. That is why it is in there that way. It was thoroughly discussed. It was debated, argued, will continue to be debated I am sure, but it gives the Natural Resource District an effective tool to limit the application of water in an area where that water is limited, based upon the amount of water that is there, the needs, etcetera. You made a reference to a proposal that will favor one type of equipment over another. I am amazed, Senator Hoagland, that you would be an advocate of an inefficient method of irrigation. Surely, we are to take advantage of new technology, most of us have done it.

SENATOR HEFNER: You have one minute left, Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Another point I want to make is this. The old ditch type of irrigation which all of us used at one time or another has been abandoned for another reason. You cannot possibly take care of it any more. It is labor intensive, extremely labor intensive. Now someone said once if you wanted to limit irrigation, you should outlaw the pivot system. Well, you might try that, Senator Hoagland. It would be just the same thing and make about as much sense. I suggest you vote against the Hoagland amendment. Thank you very much.

SENATOR HEFNER: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I also rise to oppose the Hoagland amendment. What we are really talking about here is what is fair. I contend that it is not fair just because I have developed the irrigation on my farm that my neighbor who for some reason or another has not yet developed it would be precluded from developing irrigation. Now that is the final result of what Senator Hoagland is proposing, is that whoever gets there first and has a lot of irrigated acres then the water will be allocated on the basis of what is already there. The other person who has not yet started to irrigate would not have any allocation, therefore he could not irrigate and I submit that that is not a fair situation, that the water should be distributed to my neighbor who has not yet put down a well on the same basis it is distributed to me. I think it is a very essential fairness issue and I would oppose the motion for that reason.

SENATOR HEFNER: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.