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PRESIDENT: Alright, I want to once again remind you that I have the following priority for speaking order when we get back on the bill after the amendments. We have Senators Kahle, Schmit, Hoagland, Howard Peterson, Vard Johnson, Cope, DeCamp and Koch, in that order. All of you need not put on your lights for speaking on the bill itself. Unless you want to speak to the amendments you may turn off your lights now and only those who are wanting to speak to the amendments as they are being discussed, please turn on your light. So, Senator Haberman, if you would proceed on your first one.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I started out opposing this bill but after visiting with many people from Grant County and hearing their input, after considering the problems of the sandhills and of sub-irrigation and upon the removal of any groundwater, the removal of surface water from the sections, I can support the bill. It deals now just with subirrigation. Surface water is removed from the bill. It is not tied into the bill. I think it will help. I know it will help the sandhills. This is a different problem than in the control area where I now live because we do not have the problem with sub-irrigation and meadow irrigation and I think it is a separate problem. It should be treated separate. It is going to be kind of hard possibly to have two water bills but I think we need two water bills and this is important to that unique group of people and they should be entitled to have this bill as because they will be putting it upon themselves, the control on themselves, we won't be doing it, they will be doing it. They live there. It is their land. It is their problem. They understand it and I feel very strongly we should give them the right and the opportunity to control their destiny. If they abuse it and do not use it properly, this body will have the authority to take it away from them but I feel they should have it and I feel this body should give it to them. So that is why I am asking that you adopt this amendment to 726 and then I can support the amendment which I would like to do and which I am sure that some of the other members on this floor can do when you remove any reference to surface water. How much time do I have, Mr. President?

PRESIDENT: Seven minutes.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Tom, would you like to have those seven minutes?

PRESIDENT: Senator Vickers, alright.