

wasn't an irrigation well within hundreds of miles of it and you can sit here today and you can blame an irrigation well forty miles downstream for draining your meadow. It has nothing to do with it. For the most part I want to tell you something else. I'm a little bit inclined to look at this amendment like I am some of the other ideas that have been proposed by certain local groups. It is unfortunate you cannot pass a bill just for the South half of Section 12 in Summit Township which covers my farm. You can't do that. When you pass a bill in this Legislature you pass it for the entire state. The entire state lives and dies by it. Unfortunately you can't pass legislation by the press. The press would like to think sometimes they are the extra body or the fiftieth member but the hue and clamor for the various types of legislation by certain elements of the press does not necessarily make it right. If you were to have read the news reports on LB 375 you would have thought that LB 375 narrowly passed this Legislature. It passed by 45 to nothing. It would have been 46 if one member had been here. Then you turn right around and you say now we're going to dive right back into this issue again and there won't be five of us on this floor that have read this bill through from cover to cover and understand it or realize the implication of what you are doing except that you have a tremendous desire to balance things up. Now balancing things up which is what has caused the most imbalance in this society in the last forty years whether it is on water or any other issue you want to talk about, you ought to look at it on the basis of what is right, work....

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...on the basis of knowledge and not on the basis of emotion, commotion or rhetoric. 375 is a good bill if enacted by this body to do a specific purpose, it will do that. It ought to have a chance to work for a little while and I do not agree with those individuals of this body who say that these bills are compatible. They're not compatible and you heard Senator Kremer say so this morning. So there I would hope you would not adopt the Haberman amendment in an attempt to dehorn an unruly steer to make him an acceptable member of the pen.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I would like to call the question, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Alright, the question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted?