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SENATOR COPE: With one township.

SENATOR VICKERS: ...would for a township at a time, would allow for more stringent controls and the reason for that, Senator Cope, is that in the Imperial area there were some people in a township that asked for more stringent controls but because of the language in the statutes right now in the Water Management Act, that indicate the only changes, the only differences in regulations within a control area have to be based on hydrologic, geologic or climates within the area and if there is no change why then they couldn't do it.

SENATOR COPE: Yes. The reason I'm asking that too is that in area of the Sandhills one ranch, it is possible, could take a whole township. Probably not, but two or three or four but that is, it could almost guarantee three or four or five families of having permanent water longer than anyone else where other areas would not....

SENATOR VICKERS: If they want to live, if a number of people however many people it was in a township within a control area with regulations already established, if they want to live under more stringent regulations, that you're exactly right. That is what it would do. I guess you have to go back to local control. Do they want that or don't they?

SENATOR COPE: Where anywhere else, then compare that say with the Platte Valley or some other area where there has been subirrigation and we don't have it much anymore. I remember the Platte Valley of many years ago most alfalfa was all subirrigated and now there is some but not too much. It would be impossible to do that in an area (interruption.)

PRESIDENT: Half a minute, Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: ...because there is a lot of people in a township and I'm just trying to get, whether it is special legislation is what I have to decide in my mind.

SENATOR VICKERS: No.

SENATOR COPE: It seems like it is.

SENATOR VICKERS: No, the 75% section is certainly not special legislation. It is to allow people within a control area whether or not there is a thousand people in that precinct of whether there is fifteen. If 75% of those people want more stringent controls then those same 75% own 75% of the land. The only reason for that as I indicated earlier is because they cannot do it right now.

PRESIDENT: Time is up, gentlemen.

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