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one hundred percent false. What we are doing is maintaining exactly the same groundwater laws and this falls under it as existing law, number one. Number two, all you are granting is the right to take the heat from that water that comes from the Dakota sandstone in this case about four to five thousand feet down in the ground. You have to return the water. You have to return it uncontaminated and unpolluted. You can't go transporting it away and on and on and on. I really sincerely question what Senator Vickers' motives are in attempting to kill Nebraska's one native resource that could provide energy pollution free to about a third of the state at a fraction of the cost, not even allowing us to develop it. Now why do you need some protections, some system, some controls? Because you are going to spend 200 to \$500,000 to drill one of these wells. Somebody isn't going to risk that kind of money unless they know there are some protections, some rules, some rights, some controls, and that is all it does, exactly what has been done in the other states that have developed geothermal. And, indeed, we will continue to study it, but using the study excuse in this case is nothing more than saying, you don't want to even utilize this resource and whatever the motives are they are not proper. I urge you to reject the kill motion. This is important for Nebraska. If you care about our energy and if you care about our finances for the future, this is at least one thing this session this Legislature can do other than add somebody another tax. This is something you can give the people to develop with the free "enterprise system" our native resources. I urge you to reject the kill motion and advance the bill.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I also rise to oppose the kill motion. This isn't a haphazardly slung together bill. To secure the services of Mr. Ken Wonstolen who is the senior project manager of Energy, Science and Technology and Natural Resources Program for the National Conference of State Legislators, he was brought here because he has written geothermal laws for several states and is proclaimed to be one of the leading people knowledgeable in this area. The reason we are anxious to have this law passed is so that the State of Nebraska has some control over what is done. When you go to diddling around with water from one aquifer bringing it through another, using it and reinjecting it back into the ground, there ought to be some legislation to control that. Now to reinject or not to reinject this would require the permission of the Department of Water Resources to use it

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