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are ready to close on your motion to indefinitely postpone 726. And wouldn't it be a good idea for everybody to just stay in place until we have a vote on this, I think, for once let's just all sit down and be comfortable for a few minutes, for five minutes or whatever it takes Senator Peterson to close so we don't have to have another Call of the House.

SENATOR H. PETERSON: Mr. Chairman, in fairness to those who did not get to speak, I would like to give three minutes of my time to John DeCamp, three minutes to Senator Schmit, two minutes to my friend from Kearney, Martin Kahle, and then I will take whatever time is left to close.

PRESIDENT: Are you all through? That's it? All right, okay, who is talking? Schmit gets three. It has to add up to five. Who gets what? Two apiece you have to have... minutes have already gone by, just thought I would tell you that.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I will try to get done here in three minutes. It wasn't but a few years ago in this Legislature that Senator Bereuter very sincerely offered us a package of land use laws and he said the intent was to do certain things just as we are hearing the intent is to do certain things today. And we....a number of us issued warnings and caution flags. We said, wait, it says this, this could happen, and he said, but that's not what I intend. Well, Doug left and we had the land use laws and we spent about two years undoing them, repealing them, correcting them. Now the intent of this legislation is noble, good, wonderful and I have got a number of people in my district and I think my district is probably the most affected in the state. The intent is wonderful but I think the potential that will occur is considerably different than maybe what you think. Now let me just try to pick off one of the points because that is all I have time for. Thirty-five million acres of land about we have, about seven million irrigated and about 1.2 million subirrigated. That is according to the best statistics I can get. We are creating a whole new right. We are creating a whole new right on a limited 1.2 million acres and I think we are giving it a specific preference over the 7 million and the 35 million that are already there.

PRESIDENT: Half a minute, Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: As I say, this is just one of the points. I think we are disturbing the whole correlative rights theory and I don't think that is their intention, but I believe that

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