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LB 726

PRESIDENT: Motion fails. Anything further on the bill?

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Vickers, or who wants to move the bill on? Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: I move the bill be advanced to....

PRESIDENT: No, he is just making the motion to advance.

SENATOR VICKERS:E & R for Engrossing.

PRESIDENT: Senator Vickers is now moving that LB 726 be advanced to E & R for Engrossment. Now, Senator Cullan is next. Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise to support the advancement of LB 726. I would like those of you who listened particularly to the closing to think a little bit about what was said. Senator DeCamp said that we are creating a new system of water rights and so on and so forth, and he spent most of his two minutes in his closing talking about land use control and Senator Bereuter, our Congressman Bereuter at this time. I guess I am not sure what that has to do with LB 726, but I don't see that he gave us a concrete reason why 726 should not be part of the statutes....

PRESIDENT: The Call is raised for your information.

SENATOR CULLAN: ...of the State of Nebraska and why it shouldn't be a tool in groundwater management and groundwater control in this state. Senator Schmit said something I don't quite understand in his concluding remarks that I would like to ask him about. Senator Schmit, would you yield to a question? Senator Schmit, you said something to the effect that there was a large rancher that used a lot of ditches and now wouldn't be allowed to use a ditch under LB 726. Could you please explain to us what you were talking about?

SENATOR SCHMIT: I will be glad to, Senator Cullan. I hope you will listen carefully. Under the bill as proposed it is possible to deny any kind of activity that would impact upon so-called subirrigation. Now there are two separate issues here, one is surface water, that is the water, Senator Cullan, that splashes in your boots as you walk across the field. The other is subirrigation, that is the water that is