

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: I will try.

SENATOR ELMER: Senator Dierks, will your amendment allow a natural resource district to require the registration if it wants to or does it preclude the NRD from asking for the registration to be accomplished, especially within those management areas?

SENATOR DIERKS: Senator Elmer, it goes back to existing language so that what's in place today will still be in place with this amendment.

SENATOR ELMER: You didn't answer my question. Will it allow the NRD the discretion to require those wells to be registered?

SENATOR DIERKS: It will not allow that, Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Senator Dierks, I must oppose this amendment. I sincerely believe that in areas where water tables are being seriously depleted such as in the Upper Republican which is a part of my district, that registration of wells, no matter what size, is necessary if the proper control is going to be exercised over depleting resources. I would accept the amendment if the NRD may require registration. If they cannot through any mechanism require that registration, I must oppose this amendment. Thank you, Senator Dierks.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator. Senator Schellpeper followed by Senator Avery.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman and members. Senator Dierks if you could answer a question for me if you would, please.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Yeah.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Senator Dierks, in the language in the bill or the AM3613, this part of the bill, how does that affect livestock wells?