

are a number of farm groups that do not like it. There are a number that say they do, but when I talk to those members in my district they say they don't.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Time. Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES: I'd like to yield my time to Senator Dierks.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Senator Bromm, could I ask you a question, please?

SENATOR BROMM: Certainly, Senator.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Bromm, question.

SENATOR DIERKS: I say, LB 108 contains a grandfather provision, is that correct?

SENATOR BROMM: I...would you repeat that, please?

SENATOR DIERKS: LB 108 contains a grandfather provision, is that correct?

SENATOR BROMM: It contains a provision that allows the local NRD to grandfather wells if they choose to do so.

SENATOR DIERKS: Okay. Many ground water irrigators I think believe that this means that their pumping rights will not be affected by LB 108, so they think they're safe. But the grandfather provision does not provide this protection, does it?

SENATOR BROMM: It is entirely...it is entirely dependent upon whether the NRD in their area decides that they want to stick with correlative rights or whether they want to grandfather wells that are there prior to the enactment of a management area. That is totally an NRD decision and that's the way most of the ag groups wanted it when the bill was being formulated.

SENATOR DIERKS: What it does is create a kind of a junior water right, is that right?

SENATOR BROMM: The NRD could do that. The bill doesn't do