

soundly protected and Kansas knows they don't have a case against us. It would appear to me that we're stretching things to make that a point with this bill because it really isn't necessary. The thing that this bill does do is place terrific restrictions on ground water users, ground water users who provide 85 percent of the irrigation in the state. It appears to me that we are...you're being unduly harsh on this particular segment of our economy and I would wish that we would at least not support 108. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Dierks, there are no further lights on. You would be recognized to close on your amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The amendment that I'm offering is Floor Amendment 554 and I suspect, Mr. Clerk, I don't think we got the Journal page on that, did we?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Mr. Clerk, can you give us the Journal page on the...you were asking for the Journal page?

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Page) 1297, Senator.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The amendment is on page 1297.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you. For those of you who would like to look at that amendment, it's on 1297. This is a floor amendment we introduced last week and we had it...were able to get them printed in the Journal. It would insert a new clause in subsection (6) that different regulations may be imposed, depending on the remoteness in time that pumping from a well would impact hydrologically-connected surface water. The amendment is based on explanations of a couple of cases decided in Colorado and discussed in the Department of Water Resources 1986 Policy Study on Integrated Management. Colorado has the type of integrated management whereby tributary ground water is regulated through the prior appropriation system. This section is amended by the committee amendments with a new subsection (6) establishing additional reasons an NRD may impose nonuniform pumping regulations. These include wells having a different hydrological relationship with the surface water and what is referred to as a grandfather clause allowing different regulations for wells constructed prior to the designation of a management area. So that might account for some of the flurry