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and abandoned wells, is my question.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Matzke.

SENATOR MATZKE: It applies to all oil wells that have been inactive for two years, and that is existing wells that are nonproductive and wells that become nonproductive in the future.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Okay. Thank you for that clarification. And the other comment I would have would be for the Beutler amendment. In...my wife and I have been on a rural water district for nearly 20 years, but in the middle of my farmyard, enclosed in concrete and capped with...with the...what we put in place when we dug the wells to prevent contamination, are two wells, and the pumps are there, and the pipes are there, and to reactivate those wells is really a matter of making sure they work, which always happens with mechanical devices, but opening and closing valves and connecting the wells with a piece of flexible hose to the water system. There's currently a break between the two. And I would suspect that the hundred or so other subscribers on that one...one rural water system also have maintained wells. In the 20 years, I will tell you that I have used those wells only three or four times, once as the result of an ice storm for a rather...more than...more than several weeks when we were generating electricity with an alternator powered by a farm tractor. I suspect that a better definition of wells that must be closed might be required than what the amendment would require, because there are abandoned wells, I'm sure, but there are also wells all across the state, I'm...I would guess, that are what I would more typically call a reserve well or reserve water supply. Thank you, sir.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Chair recognizes Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES: Mr. President and members of the body, I heard this bill in committee and I think it probably deals just with oil wells and not with stock wells, so I don't feel that this is the place for this here amendment. But I think that Senator Beutler did bring up an interesting thing because I know just in my area alone that there is probably a lot of abandoned stock wells out in pastures that maybe some people don't even know