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problem is, where are the wells going to be? And so Saunders County is concerned in addition because they will be expected to put in the roads to these well fields. They will be expected to provide the fire protection, the rescue protection, and I was visiting with an MUD representative over the noon hour, and he said, be sure and tell them that we want to pay these in lieu of taxes, we want to be good neighbors. So this amendment is an attempt to allow the different government entities to work together. Is this the correct way to do it? At this point, we don't know. Senator Wickersham says he doesn't think it is. So maybe that there is a way that we can put some heads together and come up with a way if this isn't the correct one, but I just wanted to make you aware that the Saunders County Board was in opposition to putting this well field in. They are concerned, not only with the tax base, but they are concerned with the water, the draw down of the water in that area, because if you're pumping millions, a 104 gallons per day, that's a lot of water. And if you've got some water, underground water in the area, and you're pumping this many gallons out, that's got to have an impact. So there are several facets that we need to look at in putting this large of a well field in a particular area. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Hudkins. Further discussion on the Bromm amendment to LB 271. Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. I appreciate the discussion we've been able to have and Senator Wickersham had some valid points as well as some other speakers. And I, in speaking with Senator Wickersham off the microphone and his staff, I'm convinced that they are willing to make an effort to work with us on some appropriate language. And, therefore, accordingly, I am going to withdraw the amendment, AM1488, Mr. Lieutenant Governor.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Landis would move to indefinitely postpone the bill. Senator Wickersham would have the option to lay the bill over.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Wickersham.