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SENATOR JANSSEN: All right, 750 head. Do you...do you feel that runoff is a big problem in any operation except if you're...even if you're on a...in a flat level plain, it's always going to go somewhere, is that right?

SENATOR DIERKS: Well, sure, and you...a lot of times it's just going to affect the groundwater...

SENATOR JANSSEN: Um-hum.

SENATOR DIERKS: ...and it gets there quicker than a lot of people like to admit.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Right, if you...naturally, everything is going to end up in a stream somewhere...

SENATOR DIERKS: That's the way that it works, anything that's fluid.

SENATOR JANSSEN: ...that it always ends up...always ends up in a stream. Well, thank you, Senator Dierks. And I'd...when we start...when we start losing some of these operations it affects not only...not only the farmers and the style of life that they want, that they wanted to have, but it also affects the communities. I think we went through this the other day. As we keep the dwindling, dwindling farm families in Nebraska, it scares me to think of what's going to happen. We keep making things a lot...a lot harder for farm...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR JANSSEN: ...families to make a living, make it harder for them to comply with regulation. You know, I'd understand, I understand very well that we have to protect our...we have to protect our groundwater. Getting back to the fishing again, fishing was a lot better then when we had the runoff. Course, we didn't have all the pesticides, insecticides and fertilizers that we use now. So I think mother nature was meant for...for animal waste to...to go into the streams, to help fish. That's not the big problem in the way I look at it. I could be all wrong. The big problem is the other...the other types of