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water coming from that well is directly impacting the flow of the stream.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Senator Schrock, with your years of experience in farming and so on, I'm sure you can answer this question then. What is the percentage of water that is returned back into that flowing stream? What would that be, that comes, you know, as it is sprinkled out over the crops and onto the land?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Well certainly, if you're an efficient farmer, you're using good agronomic practices; you're utilizing most of that water, but it's amazing, it seems like where we have surface water irrigation projects and deep water irrigation going on in the same areas, it seems like all of a sudden we've created live streams where there never were streams before. And so a lot of the water in the Platte River, as a matter of fact maybe most of it by the time it gets to the central part of the state, is all return flows, it's been used before, it's been used by Wyoming, it's be returned to the river. And it's a very complex system that certainly I don't totally understand, but it's all interrelated. And as far as how much is returned to the river, I couldn't answer that, I just don't have an idea.

SENATOR JANSSEN: But I would suppose that, if you're pumping from an island like that, a lot of that water is returned from whence it came.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR JANSSEN: I mean, it's going back into...it's just more or less being recirculated as they...as they irrigate. So I can't see any problem there. And there's probably not a problem with 50 foot from a bank either, because theoretically you're doing just about the same thing, if you're not piping it another mile away. If it's within 50 feet of a river bank, I would think you were doing about the same thing as you are on an island, maybe not quite to that extent. But I know the Platte River quite well and have hunted on it a lot, and it just seems as though you could take a shovel and dig down and you've got a water hole. So I don't see a big problem with this. I think that most of that...most of that water is being turned around again and put back from...