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SENATOR CHAMBERS: And so all of the state of Nebraska would be above...or that aquifer would be under the entire state of Nebraska?

SENATOR SCHROCK: It does not cover certain areas of the state, and that's the areas of the state where they can't get groundwater for irrigation purposes. And sometimes...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But basically, if...

SENATOR SCHROCK: ...even domestic wells.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...we were going to make a general statement, without getting too detailed, Nebraska sits atop that aquifer.

SENATOR SCHROCK: That's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Would Omaha be above it? Would any of it flow under Omaha?

SENATOR SCHROCK: I don't think it gets that far.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Was there any reason why Omaha was not a site for any of the hearings?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Most of the irrigated land in this state is west of Lincoln. There's some in northeast Nebraska...there's some all over the state, but the concentrated area of irrigation is in the central part of the state, the Panhandle.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But if this bill affects the interests of people throughout the state...let me not get ahead of myself. Is this bill of interest and concern to people throughout the entire state?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yes, it is, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It would seem to me then that the most densely populated area of the state would come in for consideration in terms of conducting at least 1 out of 13