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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is there such a thing--and you're not referring to culture when you say "wasteland," you mean literally, the ground and so forth?

SENATOR SCHROCK: That's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Is there such a thing as the average-sized irrigation system?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yes, there is, Senator Chambers. Pretty standard when when you see these center-pivots, they're on 160 acres, a quarter section of land, and they virtually irrigate about 130 acres, leaving about 7.5 acres on each corner. There are systems that cover part of those corners, and there are systems on smaller and larger tracts. But I would guess 98 percent of the pivots in this state are on a quarter section of land.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And is there such a thing as an average number of such systems that would be under the control of one irrigator?

SENATOR SCHROCK: I suppose there would be, but I wouldn't even speculate on what that would be. But...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Can you say what the cost of one of these systems would be?

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yes, I can. The irrigation well and the power unit can easily cost \$40,000, and the center-pivot can easily cost another \$40,000, and they are taxed.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is this a system that a small farmer would make use of?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yes, it is.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And what do you mean by a small farmer?