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LB 962

SENATOR SCHROCK: ...distance from one well to another.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...it says here the max...1,000 feet or the maximum number of feet specified in any applicable regulations of a Natural Resource District.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yeah, so it depends upon what district you're in.

SENATOR BEUTLER: So a Natural Resource District can say, under this law, with respect to the spacing of wells, that there shall not be a well within X number of feet of a municipal well field.

SENATOR SCHROCK: That's true.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Is that true?

SENATOR SCHROCK: That's true, fair statement.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Is that going to have any effect on the current problem out at Sidney?

SENATOR SCHROCK: No. No, and like I said, LB 962 will be better for municipalities. And Senator Erdman has an amendment that will spell it out a little clearer.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. So if the...it all depends on the attitude of the NRD then as to whether that distance is 1,000 feet or a half mile or a mile,...

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yeah, and the Sidney issue...

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...as far as the protection of the well field is concerned?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yeah, and the Sidney issue wasn't the protection of the well issue but transfer of the water from almost 15 miles away.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, but I'm just...