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us who have been pushing it take the heat, and as is a true political sign of success, take all the credit for it when that happens to come due. So again I would have to oppose the IPP motion.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Eret. May we have order in the Chamber, please.

SENATOR ERET: Yes, I was wondering if Senator Kahle would yield to answer a question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kahle, would you exchange in a dialogue?

SENATOR KAHLE: Certainly, Senator Eret.

SENATOR ERET: Senator Kahle, I have been having difficulty in following, there is a charge now to be assessed to acreage. How will these areas of acreage be determined and made a part of the way this law would be administered?

SENATOR KAHLE: Well the way I understand it, the districts that are involved, whoever it might be that is providing the recharge, would try to determine an area that they thought they were helping and that they could prove substantially that they had raised the underground aquifer over a period of years. After that was finished then they would have to bring that to the Department of Water Resources and that would give, of course, both sides, if there were two sides, a chance to come in and argue whether that was a beneficial use to that particular person or farmer or whether it wasn't and after that then the determination would be made.

SENATOR ERET: Okay, thank you, Senator Kahle. I have been... I thought this was a real good bill that was coming on here. I thought it gave good recognition to another mode of water conservation for Nebraska but I'm having real difficulty now in my support of the bill because of this charge that is being declared and the public I believe now do not know where they stand, who will be charged and who won't. And like I say, I agreed with the conservation part but I am having difficulty now in going along with this charge part. Yes, Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: I want to point out, Senator Eret, that with the amendments that we passed the other day, unless the water is being pumped....

PRESIDENT: Senator Eret has the floor yet.

SENATOR KAHLE: ....you cannot charge anybody for it.

SENATOR ERET: Okay, thank you, Senator Kahle.

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