

certify to the fact that the abandoned well was properly plugged, and I suppose that we could require the individual who handles the pump to do that. But I think perhaps the water well contractor would be more qualified because a mechanic can remove the pump and maybe not...and may not have the log, for example, and may not know exactly how to properly plug the well.

SENATOR VICKERS: But let me clarify that a little bit more. As I understand the definition back on page 4, water well contractor, it applies only to people...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR VICKERS: ...engaged in the construction of water wells. Now, there could be an abandoned well where there has not even been another well drilled, just an old well, somebody comes out in one of my pastures and pulls a pump...a pump contractor, pump installation contractor, pulls the pipe out. Now, there ought to be some mechanism to require that individual to do something about plugging the well. That is the concern that I have, Senator Schmit. There may not be any water well driller involved at all. So I guess I'm just asking a question. We don't need to amend it here, but at some point I'm concerned about that particular section.

SENATOR SCHMIT: We might want to take a look at it because you have raised the possibility that it could develop, I suppose. It is something which, very frankly, I can't tell, Senator, right now if we've covered it in the amendments otherwise.

SENATOR VICKERS: Okay.

SENATOR SCHMIT: What you're saying is you might hire me to go out and pull the old pump out and then walk away from it.

SENATOR VICKERS: That's right. I asked the question because I would expect the industry, because I know the industry is very involved in this bill, to seriously examine that section perhaps between now and Select File. And I would encourage...

SENATOR SCHMIT: I think...yes, I'd be glad to do that.