

bill, the new language.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Well, I can't see why that's so bad. To me that makes sense. If we're worried about the irrigators and shutting them off and controlling them, this has nothing to do with the irrigation. This affects so many wells and any well that would be livestock, would be for a house or whatever it would be so I think this is a good amendment. It's an amendment that to me makes sense. Why go through all of the problems? It seems like we're trying to get into once again dictating to what people can and cannot do. It's another form of government telling the people what you will do, and I don't think there's any reason that we have to do that so I'm going to support the Dierks amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Senator Avery.

SENATOR AVERY: Thank you, Mr. President. I, you know, in committee we listened and took up this issue. And as Senator Beutler said, I think it really doesn't affect the crux of the bill. But I do have some concerns any time you put down a well, there's a potential point of contamination. And I know there's a lot of this and the more wells that are put down, you have that potential contamination availability. I don't know for sure where I'm coming down. I tend to oppose on the basis that we need as much information as possible about where wells are, where, you know, the location of them and just the general information. Now I understand the point that you're trying to mandate, but sometimes to get information and do that you just have to ask for that and have those registered. If there was a voluntary system that would make sure that people would do that, I'd be a little easier set at ease that made sure we get that information. But this is a point that I think we have to look at policywise because anything we do in the future sets out, well, we don't have the information. What about this or what about that? When you don't have the information, you say, well, gee, I wish we would have had people register. You look back at the history and we have a lot of places where wells were put in and we don't have that information. Locally they may have it and they're going around and they're closing this, but there is some potential there I think that we have to really consider this policy and look at the availability of not registering these wells. Now the state is different. I know in the