

This can happen. Some instances like that have happened in my district, Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Could you read your amendment? I'm sorry Senator, I don't quite understand it, and I don't have a copy of it.

SENATOR GEORGE: Could the Clerk read the amendment again, please?

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Clerk will reread the George amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, add after Line 13 of the Kremer amendment the following language: "provided that no domestic well owner be required to anticipate a substantial drop in the water level."

SENATOR CULLAN: Senator George, based upon that language, as I understand the language and I don't have the benefit of reading it, but as I read that with Subparagraph 2, it seems to be in conflict with Subparagraph 2, which indicates that an individual drilling a new domestic well should anticipate potential water interference from existing...from those irrigation wells in use when the domestic well was drilled and so it seems to me that there are some cases where, indeed, an individual who drills a domestic well should anticipate major declines in groundwater if, indeed, those declines are occurring, and so on the surface without really...the surface of this issue without really having an opportunity to study your amendment, it would appear that that would destroy the intent of that second paragraph altogether.

SENATOR GEORGE: Senator Cullan, if I may answer that. There are cases where you have a slow drop of a water table, because everybody is using it, and I don't really want to change anything under those conditions, but if there is an unusually high usage of irrigation water, which causes a very substantial drop of that water table, then I still want to say that the owner of the irrigation well is responsible for that substantial drop. So, it is, in other words, a protection for that domestic well owner should the irrigation well owner really come up with a high and unusual amount of water usage.

SENATOR CULLAN: Senator George, just to make sure that I am clear, you are talking about irrigation wells that were in existence prior to the time that the domestic well was drilled?