

interested in irrigation, because that's the kind of district he represents. My district is in the eastern part of Nebraska, and I have to protect the domestic user of wells, and those are people on farms and that is livestock. I've had a case two years ago in my district where people with livestock actually had to use the Fire Departments from small towns and villages to truck in water, because they were dry because of irrigation wells, and therefore, this is quite a concern to me. The only thing I want to say in this amendment is the word "substantial", and the discussion with Senator Kelly on the cone of influence, I don't think is really enough of a protection. What happens if that cone of influence starts spreading so far that the neighboring irrigator suddenly extends his cone of influence right under your land. Is that a cone of influence that you want to recognize as reasonable? I don't think so. My amendment is simply geared to protect the interest of those people that need water for domestic uses and livestock. I hope you can see fit to pass the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kremer, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to ask Senator George a question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator George, do you yield?

SENATOR GEORGE: Yes, certainly.

SENATOR KREMER: Senator George, are you aware that we're not talking about a time of shortage? We're talking about a normal use of water...not a time of shortage where the preference statute comes into play. Are you aware of that?

SENATOR GEORGE: I realize, Senator Kremer, that there definitely is a time in between that NRD could act in an emergency and some farms simply run out of water because of overusage of a substantial drop in that whole area. That's the only situation that I want to protect.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator George, do you wish to make any other comments before we have the vote? Okay, the motion is the George amendment to the Kremer amendment to LB 27. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Once more, have you all voted? I'm going to call for the vote. Clerk, record the vote.