

answer to the question would be this. I will use yours for an example. If you as a citizen are in working with other people in your area, we feel that you are facing a problem because your aquifer is being depleted. The thing for you to do then is to go to your NRD and say we think we have a problem. We are going to ask you to consider going under control, which they in turn would have to go to the Director of Water Resources and ask him to call a hearing. That would be the first step.

SENATOR MERZ: What if they don't do it?

SENATOR KREMER: If they don't do it, you get more neighbors together and say you are going to have to do it.

SENATOR MERZ: What if it's only about 5% of the people that is in trouble? Then you have to come to the Legislature and get help. Don't you?

SENATOR KREMER: If it is only 5 you may not have a problem.

SENATOR MERZ: I don't know how many or where but we are the worst off of any place in the state on the underground aquifers I think. I should have brought this out before but there is no way of knowing what is being done to this underground aquifer unless we have meters in, is there?

SENATOR KREMER: There are models that have been installed that work under a certain formula and I could give you some of those formulas and it depends on what this computer is kicking out as to what happens and as we work out that formula we recognize the installation of wells, we recognize rainfall or the lack of rainfall. We recognize the uses of water. We recognize the quality of water and we always try to get a feedback and see what is going to happen.

SENATOR MERZ: How do you recognize how much this certain irrigator is pumping then?

SENATOR KREMER: How do you recognize it?

SENATOR MERZ: Yes. Do you just take it for granted he is pumping so many gallon a minute?

SENATOR KREMER: You have to look at the overall picture. We have got observation of wells like you never heard of all over the state.

SENATOR MERZ: But they do not tell what this man is pumping.