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SENATOR KREMER: Not each man but they tell what is happening in the aquifer and that is what your question was about.

SENATOR MERZ: Well, sure when the aquifer goes down and this guy says it isn't my fault, it is somebody else's fault. How we going to tell whose fault it is?

SENATOR KREMER: You can't. You can't even tell with the meters on.

SENATOR MERZ: In other words, we don't have a... We can't tell with meters? We will know who took the water.

SENATOR KREMER: You can't tell which one is causing the problem. All you can address is the entire problem.

SENATOR MERZ: If one man pumps so many gallon and the other guy isn't we will know who is pumping it then. Won't we? If we knew how many gallon he took.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Merz, do you have another question of Senator Kremer?

SENATOR MERZ: Yes, one more question. We say in this controlled area that the NRDs can go ahead and put the meters on if they so request the farmers to put them on. Is one farmer that is a member of the NRD going to tell his neighbor when he can put it on and not have a battle? How we going to stop the battle?

SENATOR KREMER: I want to be sure I understood you. Say that question again. Either I am confused or you are, one of the two.

SENATOR MERZ: We will say these certain percent of these farmers in this controlled area are on the NRD Board. Aren't they?

SENATOR KREMER: Yes, sir.

SENATOR MERZ: They are the ones that make up the NRD Board.

SENATOR KREMER: Each one has one vote.

SENATOR MERZ: That is right, and they say that certain people have to have meters.

SENATOR KREMER: No, sir. If they are going to put meters on they will call for meters from everybody if they are going to keep water.