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I do live in the dryland area and I really would want no one to take the water away from me so I can't see anything in this amendment that would do this.

SPEAKER MARVEL: If I understand your amendment, you are proposing to strike section 4, lines 7 through 14 on page 545 of the Journal. Is that right? Do you want to strike all of that Subsection (4)? How does it read?

CLERK: Mr. President, it reads, "Delete item 4 of section 2 of the Kremer amendment found on page 545.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, do you have any other comments, Senator Sieck?

SENATOR SIECK: Well these are my comments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay. Now, Senator Schmit, it is on page 545 of the Journal and it starts with line 7.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, is the motion to delete Subsection (4)?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Yes, that is the motion.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I think that should be deleted and I think also we should bear in mind that when these wells are replaced or the individual comes back to redo that well, and if we are not careful we are going to have a perpetuation of wells that were adequate maybe fifty or sixty years ago but today are not adequate by any standards. I think we have to bear in mind that the technology of the late 1800's and early 1900's when these wells were drilled it was such that they were not, of course, drilled to a satisfactory depth. They were satisfactory for a half a dozen cows and a few hogs, but they were not satisfactory when we got into modern agriculture, and so today I have many of those wells on my farm, a number of them at least, and we got by with them for a period of time, but today we have to drill wells to greater depths because the usage is greater and I think that we need to be very careful that we don't lock this thing in here and try to guarantee the perpetuity of a well that was not adequate at the time it was even drilled, let alone for today's kind of agriculture.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kelly, do you wish to speak to the Sieck amendment? Your light is on. Do you want to speak to the Sieck amendment? Okay.

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