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for that industry in some respects at least.

SENATOR HEFNER: Okay, thank you, Senator Kremer. I support this bill. I think it is time that we take steps in this correction so I would urge you to support it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. Speaker, I would like to visit with Kremer for a couple of minutes on a couple of subjects.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kremer, do you yield to a question from Senator Keyes?

SENATOR KREMER: Is that Senator Keyes?

SENATOR KEYES: Senator Kremer, you are the most intellectual water man that the state has I understand.

SENATOR KREMER: No, I have lost all that intellectual.

SENATOR KEYES: But, Senator Kremer, living in the Omaha area as I do and I know you know the question I am going to ask you. If someone comes out and within a quarter of a mile or a thousand feet of our aqua that we are going to get the water for Omaha from the western part, will this stop them? Can you put in an irrigation well without getting a permit?

SENATOR KREMER: If the area is under control, you have to have a permit. If it is not under control, you do not need a permit but you do have to register the well.

SENATOR KEYES: You have to register the well. So there would be nothing to hinder someone from going and putting a well in that water field that Omaha is thinking about and then there would be no wells within a thousand feet of it. Am I right?

SENATOR KREMER: Are you talking about a well field in Omaha?

SENATOR KEYES: About the well field, the metropolitan, I am talking about the Metropolitan Utility District. I think the Omaha Senators should very much pay attention to what is happening with water and, Senator Kremer, I am looking out for it every time and I am not against what you are trying to do but I want to know if a farmer