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disturbing a replacement well. What we are talking about here is if somebody makes an improvement on their real estate by the addition of a house, farrowing house, any major addition so it would seem to me that we should include the addition of being an irrigated farm in place of dry land farm. I would move the adoption of the amendment to the amendment and then the adoption of the amendment, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Sieck.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President, members of the body, I do approve of this amendment. I think it is an excellent amendment and something that we need to address ourselves to and will give the county assessors a lot of help in assessing the property out in the State of Nebraska so I approve the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, members, is this Senator Vickers' amendment? Okay, Senator Vickers, could I have a little discussion with you? If I understand your amendment correctly, you are what, drawing attention to the county that a new well has been put in?

SENATOR VICKERS: Basically that is correct because they are drawing attention to the county here previously as to what improvement. They are trying to define what an improvement is. "Improvement shall mean any new structure or addition to an existing structure.", and I am saying since it is an addition to the real estate and it would make the real estate taxes go up, then really what difference does it make whether it is a new building, a new bin or if it is an irrigation well.

SENATOR KAHLE: To my knowledge, that has always been the policy in the county.

SENATOR VICKERS: Well, I think it has been a policy that at least in my county when we build a new house, without 689 the assessor was out there taking the measurements of that house before you moved in it so I would venture to say that it has been the policy already for existing or new structures, too.

SENATOR KAHLE: Is it your purpose to raise the value of the property because of the well or because of the irrigated land?