

PRESIDENT: Before we go on to the next speaker, the Chair would like to recognize Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Marienau from Omaha whose son Bill is on the staff of Senators Barrett and Chronister. Would they stand up and be recognized. They are under the south balcony. Mr. and Mrs. Marienau. Welcome to the Legislature. I'm just going to go through the list of those who have asked to speak and ask you if you want to speak on the Lamb amendment. Senator Hefner, Senator Cope, Senator Wesely, Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President and members, I do want to speak in favor of what Senator Lamb has said. There is one other thing that he did not mention that I think should be brought to the attention of the group is that if well spacings are required in a development or in any area it creates a problem to supply the energy needed to propel these systems. I'm speaking especially about electricity and also natural gas if it is available, I don't know how much is available but I think that there is going to be a lot of electricity available for energy to drive our pumps. If you are going to space those pumps so that they can not put lets say four pivots on a section and string them out so that they can only have one on a section, you are going to have an enormous cost. Part of that is going to be borne by the irrigator because he pays part of the cost of the power lines, for instance that comes into that area. So the more concentrated those systems are, the cheaper it is for the energy source, whether it be gas or even diesel fuel because you have less miles to travel to service those engines. I don't believe that Senator Lamb mentioned that and maybe a lot of you haven't even thought of that but it is....the cost of putting electricity on these systems is great enough without having to string a mile or so of three phase line to get there. I think that it is wrong for spacing to be involved until you do have a control area. That might even happen in my area where you can dig a well today with a post hole digger. So, I don't suppose that our NRD would be foolish enough to specify that, but it could happen. It has nothing to do whether there is water available or not. It is all up to the NRD and I generally respect their judgment. There may be a developer come in that they don't like or a farmer that they don't like and it would be pretty simple to thwart his efforts with this sort of an operation. So, I have some more comments to make about the bill but I will stay with the rules and stick to the Lamb amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Beutler. Did you wish to speak to the Lamb amendment, Senator Beutler?