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SENATOR CULLAN: They could if the quantity of water that they plan to use for that industrial purpose was less than 3,000 acre feet. If it were more than 3,000 acre feet, they would definitely have to go through this process.

SENATOR KAHLE: I have been trying to think all morning the relativity between acre feet and gallons. Could you give me any idea of how many wells we are talking about that would produce, let's say, a thousand gallons a minute that it would take to supply 3,000 acre feet?

SENATOR CULLAN: I guess it is hard for me to put it into those kind of terms. Senator Kremer could probably answer that question better than I. It is my understanding that a power plant that would use 20,000 acre feet of water, and this is just to give you some idea of what the effect would be, would be the equivalent of between 125 and 150 center pivot sprinkler systems.

SENATOR KAHLE: That much, huh? Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. Speaker and members, I simply rise to support Senator Cullan and commend him for bringing forth LB 56. This issue is one that I attempted to raise somewhat last year on this floor. I offered an amendment and then withdrew the amendment that would head quite a bit the direction that LB 56 as amended by Senator Cullan and by the Public Works Committee, Senator Kremer and Senator Beutler is going. The concern that I had at that time was the protection of the ground water as it related to the ground water users that are in existence out there now in competition with perhaps other uses of that water, users, industrial users and so forth. At that time I withdrew the amendment that I had offered and suggested to the Public Works Committee that they have an interim study in this area. It was studied somewhat by the Public Works Committee this last summer who I was a member of and Senator Cullan. Senator Cullan then introduced this bill and, as I said at the outset, I simply arise to commend him for it and to tell you, the members of this body, I wholeheartedly support LB 56 and hope the members of this body do also.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Beutler. The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? Okay. The question before the House is shall debate cease? All those in favor