

would run off into a pond, into a lake, or into a stream. It would be a very limited amount of water. It would basically be using your pivot as a vehicle, just like ground applicators use, or you could also compare it in some way to aerial application. You are putting on just a spray of the chemical solution itself. I think that what I'd like to really draw to your attention here is that when we are passing LB 284 in effect we are sort of passing a bill that could...I would call it the NDGIC (sic) of public water systems. We are placing ourselves in somewhat of a responsible position as a state when we start regulating. I think we need to now add language to our statute that would indicate that we really do recognize the problem and that we recognize solutions to even minimize this problem. I'm sure that many of you are aware that there is an organization called the Nebraska Water Conservation Council that is now passing a petition around the state to try to get language voted into our State Constitution to regulate the quality of our underground water. I would hope that by adopting the amendment that I am proposing that we can show these people that we do have their concern in mind here in passing LB 284 itself, and also additional measures that would further be a safety measure to the water supply of the people that live in our towns and cities in this state. With that, I would recommend the adoption of the amendment that I have proposed.

PRESIDENT: Anything further? Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I was going to ask Senator Eret a question when we were on his first amendment, what is the magical or the magic about the 1,800 yards that you have in this amendment as well as in your first amendment?

SENATOR ERET: Just, Senator Carsten, I just selected a number. It is approximately a mile. So it is the one that I think would give at least that much assurance. The further out you go the safer it would get, but it is just an optimum figure that I selected.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Well, I guess I had assumed that there was some basic reasoning behind the 1,800 yard figure was the reason you used it, from your experience as an engineer was the reason you had it in there and I wondered what it was. The only other concern I have is you certainly are