

I think that we are borrowing trouble here that we do not need to have. I would suggest that there is a better protection, a better protection of the supply of water under a supervised, controlled, regulated chemigation system than under an unsupervised, unregulated, uncontrolled application system. I would ask you not to vote for Senator Eret's amendment.

PRESIDENT: Is there anyone that wishes to be recognizes further on Senator Eret's amendment? If not, Senator Eret, you may close.

SENATOR ERET: Mr. President and members, I guess we are speaking to the issue of safety of a public water supply system, primarily, with my amendment now. Senator Carsten asked about why I selected 1,800 yards. Well, I know that there is equipment available...can be made available that would fill in that area within 1,800 yards and would be safer equipment. Also I guess technically you could speak to the interchange of water patterns between wells. Any well that is being pumped has what they call a cone of depression, or a cone of withdrawal. With the spacing of 1,800 yards that is well beyond the spacing that we require on some other well spacing legislation that we have. So I just felt that that was a safe and reasonable distance to select. Speak about reliability of equipment. We probably couldn't find any regulatory agency in our country that is probably more demanding of regulation and safety, possibly, than our Federal Aviation Administration. Everything is supposed to be checked and rechecked and is done so on a schedule. Yet why did we lose 248 of our finest men of the 101st Airborne Division when something happened there? It is just an obvious fact that equipment is not foolproof, it will fail. I think, you know regardless of how you vote on this issue, it has given me the opportunity to state my feeling about it. I know that in years and years to come, long after I'm in the Legislature, I will have a clear conscience that I did speak to the record on this very important issue of an irreplaceable, pure and safe water system for our people. I would just have all of you consider the distribution of the industry and commerce and the population distribution of your districts, and consider what you think would be the safest way of legislating and regulating for the concern of those people that do live in your districts. Mr. President, I would urge the adoption of this amendment.