

because when I go golfing in Omaha they turn on the tap and we don't have to worry about getting a permit as to whether or not we water the greens or the fairways, and it doesn't impact my game whatsoever. The issue, I guess, is just one of...and I understand Senator Beutler's argument. I mean, he likes to put things in nice, neat little boxes, and likes to have policy that reflects that. But how much are we talking about here? How much water are we talking about? What is 200-acre feet? Is that...Senator Bernard-Stevens, would you respond to a question. What does that represent? That is...even Senator Beutler admits that it's a small amount of water. Just for purposes of...and Senator...

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Well, Senator Jones, I think, just gave the actual gallons. But I can give you an analogy, Senator Hall. If the same land, the same number of acres were put into a center pivot system, the center pivot system would be using far more water than what we're talking about here.

SENATOR HALL: So, in other words, we're talking about, and Senator Jones gave me a note here that said 65 million gallons of water. Would that be accurate?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Whatever Senator Jones says on the number of gallons I would take to be gospel.

SENATOR HALL: Okay, well, I think.. my kids have drunk that many gallons of milk so far, so I'm not really worried about, I guess, this issue. It makes Senator Wehrbein very happy because I probably bought it directly from him. But in any case, the issue is one of really, I guess, do you allow these people to make the investment that they've made? And let's cut to the chase, we're talking about a little course down in Eagle, Nebraska that's had some problems, they're going to be just one of many that are going to be in the same situation. They border what amounts to a residential community, that being an urban setting, that being Lincoln, Nebraska. They draw from Lincoln, they draw from Omaha, and they draw from Plattsmouth. But they've had trouble getting their water, and now they're saying, look, how can we do this without impacting or basically tearing apart the system that Senator Beutler rightly says ought to be in place. There ought to be a priority system that's in place for purposes of the water. But, at the same time, they've made