

Good morning, Co chairs: Kathleen Taylor and Jeff Reardon and all the member of the Joint Subcommittee On National Resources My name is Ben McCanna I live in Harney county. I have a small place with one horse a few chickens a couple cats and my dog. I have three daughters and their spouses along with 12 beautiful grandkids which I am very proud of. I have lived here on and off since I was about 14 years old. I am a domestic well person that is having my well num HARN 50399, taken away because of too many alfalfa pivots being placed on top of our aquifer. I would like to say that what ever parts of HB 5545 will keep OWRD working I am in favor of. We need OWRD working to its fullest, but the way it is funded could use some work. Funding OWRD through how many water permits it issues is in a given year is very bad! That needs to be changed this is all our water and it should not be handed over to the highest bidder. I want to give it to Co-chair Kathleen Taylor how you can keep all the pop's and measure's all straight and in a row good job! If you need to charge more fees so that OWRD can do its job and keep all the law suits that is being thrown at OWRD because they what to have all our water, than so be it. Half of these people and corporations don't even live here they don't care about what it's doing to all the residents of our counties across the state.

Are water flows in to are valley from the North they have placed so many pivots to the north now that water is no able to get past them. It is drying up our springs, creeks, lakes, rivers and our wells. They have to stop putting in all these alfalfa pivots or all of us are going to have nothing. My property is worth nothing now my well has been here for over 25 years it was a very good well, not now.

I want to Thank all of you for your service and all the hard work you are doing.

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