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and solar structures in an area and that landowners can provide for easements within their own jurisdictions so that the solar devices that are installed can be protected from further encroachment. That basically is the intent of the bill and the intent of the committee amendments. I move their adoption.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Warner. You didn't wish to speak to this. All right. The motion then, Senator Schmit, there is no further discussion, so the motion is the adoption of the committee amendments on LB 353. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted on the committee amendments on LB 353? Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Motion carries. Committee amendments are adopted on LB 353. What do you wish to do with the bill, Senator Schmit, Senator Hoagland, excuse me.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. President and colleagues, I believe that all of us are coming to recognize now that the energy crisis is getting increasingly serious. On the supply side, the recent revolution in Iran illustrates the extent to which the Middle East has become a tinderbox. People with the Department of Energy in Washington, D.C. are predicting that we may very well have gas rationing within the next two years. If any more significant political problems develop in the Middle East, we could be facing gas rationing before the summer is out and let's hope that doesn't happen. With the supply situation looking as serious as it is, we have to look more and more towards internal conservation, internal conservation of energy, and I think in that connection we need to begin planning now for more serious energy shortages later, and what this bill does is it permits planning for solar energy use. Now this is an entirely voluntary measure in the first respect and it is entitled to facilitate planning for solar energy units and it is intended to permit adjoining landholders by agreement to provide for solar easements. Now what that means is that if you want to invest \$20,000 or \$30,000 into a solar unit and are afraid that it might become shaded after you have made that investment, why you can go to your neighbor and you can enter into a voluntary agreement that he won't permit a tree to grow or build a structure or some other way allow that particular unit to be shaded. The agreement in that case is voluntary exclusively between you and your neighbor or neighbors and