

that if the natural resource district either does not have the personnel, or the financing, or the interest in this particular program to carry out the functions, that they will pass those responsibilities on to the Department of Environmental Control, as Senator Schmit indicated, is the backup mechanism of the bill. And I think it is sensible that we at least give every area in the state a backup mechanism that if they cannot carry out the functions of this bill that there will at least be that department that will be there to sensibly carry out the program. And I would move for the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The motion is the adoption of the amendment by Senator Johnson. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. We're badly in need of some help to expedite either upward or downward the motions that we have before us on the floor. If members of the Legislature would please return to the floor, we have some business to attend to, a motion up for an amendment which takes 25 votes. I hope maybe we can eliminate calling the house to get amendments acted upon. If members of the Legislature could hear my voice, we'd ask you to return to the floor and be a voting body here to attend to amendments. Would you please record your vote on the Johnson amendment. The Chair will allow 30 seconds for the recording of your vote. Please record your vote, aye or nay, on the Johnson amendment to LB 894. Ten seconds. Please record your vote on the Johnson amendment. Five seconds. Have you all voted? Have you all voted on the Johnson amendment? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 2 ayes, 14 nays, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion fails.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Scofield would move to amend. Senator Scofield's amendment...Senator, I've got 2697 in front of me. That is on page i698 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Scofield on her amendment.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Thank you, Mr. President and members. The purpose of this amendment is to point out that with this particular bill, right now it gives primarily the authority to the NRDs and it seems to me that there needs to be better cooperation with political subdivisions, cities, counties, and so forth. That is the reason for part of the amendment, adding lines that specify that. We also know that we don't know a