

January 28, 1992 LB 948

Cudaback, Dierks, Elmer, Haberman, Hartnett, Hillman, Horgan, Rod Johnson, Kristensen, Wickersham, Schrock, Schmit, Nelson, Moore, Lynch and Lamb. (Title read.) The bill was introduced on January 8 of this year. At that time it was referred to the Natural Resources Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Could we address the amendments first.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Schrock would move to amend his bill. Senator, I have your amendment AM2536 that you filed with me. (Amendment appears on pages 524-25 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Madam President and members of the Legislature, the amendment I have in front of you is technical in nature. It does not substantively change the bill, just cleans up some language that we thought was a little rough and so I would urge the body to advance the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Does anyone wish to address this amendment? Seeing none, do you have closing? Closing is waived. We will now vote on the amendment to LB 948. All those in favor of its adoption please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on adoption of Senator Schrock's amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment is adopted. Senator Schrock, would you like to open on the bill itself?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Madam President and members of the Legislature, it was brought to our attention last fall that water rights in our area of the state were not in order. It came as quite a shock to many farmers. Since then we have gone through some very trying times out there in the south central part of the state concerning water rights. There are hearings going on in Bertrand today to decide whether farmers should receive water rights on their property for this coming growing season. It is a very important issue to my area of the state.