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LB 636, 687

thereof. (Read title to LB 687.) The bill was read on January 10 of this year. It was referred to the Ag Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. There are no committee amendments pending, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is to advance.

CLERK: Yes.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, this bill was brought to the committee at the request of Senator Lamb. The bill deals with the size of projects that can be constructed under the water conservancy fund. If you recall when Senator Bereuter introduced that bill several years ago, he limited the acreage that could be involved in those projects to 2,000 acres. There is a feeling in the Sandhill area that this is not a large enough area for the Sandhills. Therefore, we have asked for permission to expand that to a 5,000 acre limitation when the drainage area being considered is at least 90 percent grassland. I think it is a reasonable request, and if we are going to continue the operation of the fund it obviously is not going to be of any value to the people in the vast area of the Sandhills unless we expand the size of the acreage that can be allowed. If there are any questions I would be glad to answer them. I am sure Senator Lamb may have some comments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is to advance 687 to E & R for Review. All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. May we have the votes or at least an indication from those underneath the north balcony? We are voting on the advancement of 687 to E & R for Review. The motion is to advance the bill to E & R for Review. Have you all voted? Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The bill is advanced. The next bill, 636.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 636 was introduced by Senator Maurice Kremer. (Read title to LB 636.) The bill was read on January 9 of this year. It was referred to the Public