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LB 643

with this discussion this evening so I would encourage you to take these explanations home with the bill and read them carefully and we will be prepared to take up the committee amendments tomorrow. Now the committee amendments are made up of the white copy. The white copy are the committee amendments, and basically LB 643 contains three bills introduced for consideration, namely, LB 643, LB 830 and LB 984. The reason the committee did this and one of the reasons at least was that we felt that there were some quite important water bills introduced for consideration and knowing that our time was very limited and that perhaps it would be possible to consider all three of these under one title. So all three of these bills are coming out under the title of LB 643 which is Senator Sieck's bill. I will try to limit my explanation in stating that there are ten major provisions in the bill, ten, and after I have given this brief explanation, then I would invite anyone to ask questions if they would like or anyone who wishes to make other comments. I will give you the ten major provisions of the bill as amended, and I do move the committee amendments be adopted, by the way. Number one, the committee amendments broaden the groundwater pollution factor for establishing a control area. Probably that word "establishment" should be changed to "starting the process of establishing a groundwater control area." Presently the law says that the withdrawal of groundwater to the extent that pollution will become a factor because of the withdrawal and the lowering of the water table, the amendment provides that any pollution caused, any pollution is a reason why a step could be taken to initiate going under control. The next provision, number two, it will allow for a central natural...a certain Natural Resource District to request designation of a control area in other Natural Resource Districts. In other words, if an NRD seeks to want a control or is under control, they could ask the Department of Water Resources to consider another area if the operation in that area is causing a problem that is being addressed in the NRD that is seeking to go under control.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kremer, can you designate the page or the paragraph that you are speaking from?

SENATOR KREMER: No, sir. I will do that if you need it. I will have to go into more extensive explanation if you need to...if you want that but it will take much longer. I am attempting now to....

SPEAKER MARVEL: Why don't you proceed at your speed and