

Public Works Committee. (Read title.) It was first read on January 19, referred to the Public Works Committee. It was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman and members, LB 325 is a bill that came out of the Public Works Committee, and I think I should explain the bill and it would be easier to understand the amendment to the bill. At the present time when a Natural Resource District goes under control, before a well could be drilled it would require a permit. In the past wells have been drilled when under control without a permit. Consequently, this Legislature passed legislation that will provide for a late permit, and that should not continue. Therefore, the committee saw fit to introduce this legislation that would require that the well driller, before commencing the drilling of a well, shall have information verifying the fact that he does have a permit. All the well driller has to do to this proposed well owner is to say, I want to see your permit before I drill this well. That is the content of the bill. It was supported by the well driller. The well driller does not have to get the permit. He merely has to say, I want to see the permit or I want to be sure that you have one. And if the well driller does not do this, he is subject to a Class V misdemeanor. The amendment to the bill now merely shifts some of the responsibility onto the well owner, saying if he gives false information, or says that he does have a permit when he does not, he, too, is subject to a penalty. That, Mr. Chairman, is the amendment. So I move first of all for the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the committee amendment to LB 325. All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed vote no. Record.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The amendment is adopted. Now, Senator Kremer, do you want to advance the bill?

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, I have explained the bill, so I do move for the advancement of LB 325 as amended.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All those in favor of advancing 325 as amended to E & R for Review vote aye, opposed vote no. Record.