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LB 56

SENATOR CLARK: Is there any discussion of Senator Cullan's amendment to the amendment? If not, all those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting aye.

SENATOR CLARK: Have you all voted? It takes 25 votes. Record the vote.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the Cullan amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR CLARK: The Cullan amendment is adopted to the committee amendments. Now we will take up Senator Kremer's amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR KREMER: Do you have them on the desk there, Pat?

CLERK: Yes, sir, I do. Maurice, would you like me to read it?

SENATOR KREMER: Yes. sir.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Kremer moves to amend the committee amendments to LB 56: (Read Kremer amendment offered on pages 866 and 867, Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman and members, the committee amendments, I mean my amendments to the committee amendments are simpler than it sounds when you read them. What I am doing here, the original bill said this, that if there is an industrial withdrawal of 1,000 acre feet, you must have a permit. The committee amendment does state 5,000 thinking that 1,000 is rather insignificant. I am taking it back and it is a compromise, back to 3,000 acre feet which is the equivalent, now I am using this only as a comparison, the withdrawal of 3,000 acre feet of water is the equivalent of the operation of fifteen irrigation wells running during the season which is a considerable withdrawal of water, and this is why I feel that if an industrial user comes in, he should at least get a permit. It doesn't say he can't have one and he cannot withdraw that water. It only says that if he withdraws 3,000 acre feet of water, he needs to get a permit from the Department of Water Resources. Now the last part of the amendment does this, it changes the fee because we have changed the withdrawal of water, and it changes the fee to \$1500 for the first 3,000 of withdrawal and \$750 fee for each additional 1,000. I move adoption of my amendments to the committee amendments.