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being interpreted by a court but that is a much preferable place to be than to be in a position of saying that any, any dreamed up anticipated domestic or agricultural demand shall be considered. So I would ask you to insert that word "reasonably" before the word "anticipated". Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cullan, do you wish to speak to the Beutler amendment?

SENATOR CULLAN: I think the Beutler amendment is acceptable.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All those in favor of the Beutler amendment to the committee amendments vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 1 nay on the motion to adopt the Beutler amendment, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Motion is carried. The Beutler amendment is adopted. Now what is the...now we are voting on the committee amendments as amended. Is there any discussion? Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Okay, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I think now is probably the time for me to make a presentation on the committee amendments which really have become the bill, unless you want me to wait until the committee amendments are adopted.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Go ahead.

SENATOR CULLAN: Okay. LB 56 is a bill that attempts to deal with a problem that I see in the State of Nebraska. The situation that we have today, as far as water law in the State of Nebraska is concerned, is that there is absolutely no control over the withdrawal of ground water for large industrial uses throughout the state. For example, if a large industrial user desired to move into Hamilton County which is one of the counties in the State of Nebraska with the most serious water problems in the state, and put down a well field and used twenty-five to thirty thousand acre feet for any purpose, there would be no means whatsoever to stop that type of action even though we all know that Hamilton County could not stand those kinds of withdrawals without depleting the aquifer to such a level that it would be of no use to existing users in that particular region. I think that is an unacceptable situation and so