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LB 184

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Burrows moves to amend his bill by offering amendments found on page 1609 of the Journal.

SENATOR BURROWS: The following amendments are passed out on your desk or you can find on 1609 in the Journal. These amendments were originally agreed before the basic committee amendments that replaced the bill with the section we just rejected. The first of the three...and I would like to take the three together, they are for basics I feel technical amendments. One is, strikes "incorporated through Nebraska" on page 5 and simply broadens the grandfather clause. Looking it over, the grandfather clause apparently wasn't as broad as the definition and this was agreed to that we wanted a grandfather clause that did not disrupt what was presently owned by corporations in the state. On page 6 in number 2, line 10 after the period insert "irrigation development shall be considered a farming purpose". Our staff talked to the Attorney General's office of another state and on this particular one they felt there might possibly be an out in irrigation development which is one of the main purposes of the bill to stop large corporations from coming in...outside corporation, to the state and developing Sandhills land for irrigation. Number three was an amendment which allows certain restrictive nonprofit corporations to be exempt from the act, and this was primarily instigated for the Platte River Whooping Crane Trust and we have worked for approximately seven years to technically work this bill into the State of Nebraska without serious disruptions on what has happened or things that were not intents as to the large corporate invasion and potential of agriculture. I move you adopt the following amendments which were already agreed by the committee as being reasonable amendments to make a very workable bill.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Rumery.

SENATOR RUMERY: Thank you, Mr. President, and members, a question of Senator Burrows, please.

SENATOR BURROWS: Certainly.

SENATOR RUMERY: Senator, what farm groups or ranch groups want this bill?

SENATOR BURROWS: The Farmers Union, the National Farmers Organization, the WIFE group, the American Agriculture people and their movement, all have been and still are I believe strong supporters of it, and I believe many of the Grange personnel.