

mystified by the opposition to the bill in that some of the members of the committee who profess to want to help solve the water problems are not willing to advance the bill because this is a vehicle by which they can through the amendment process put the bill into a shape that they would prefer. The bill has been amended a number of times. The amendments have been, some of the amendments have been retracted, they have been taken off. It has been thoroughly discussed by the committee. I think it is a situation where there has been a great deal of effort in order to come to a meeting of the minds, but that just has not been possible. And while I do not support generally overriding committee action and bringing bills to the floor, this is a case I think where the committee is definitely hung up. There is no chance at this point to come to a meeting of the minds and so the only reasonable solution is to bring the bill to the floor where the whole Legislature can participate in the debate. I support the motion.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President and members of the body, the background on this bill I think is important. The committee worked diligently on this legislation and spent many hours contrary to what Senator Schmit advised in his opening remarks. It was not inaction. I have never spent so many hours on a piece of legislation in my lifetime...in the committee, at nights and you name it, even during noon hours. In fact, the background is this. This bill was placed on General File very early at the time priority bills were supposed to be placed there. At the request then of Senator Schmit, as I understand it, the bill was withdrawn because there were obviously some amendments to the bill that Senator Schmit at that time did not seem to want on the floor. The committee brought the bill back to the committee itself and again we spent considerable hours under the direction of Senator Kremer and all members present. Contrary to what Senator Lamb said there were amendments offered even yet the other day in an effort to bring this bill but again there was not even a consent to adopt several committees that might satisfy the committee members, and so that is why the bill is locked, and the Chairman has even stated and stated very correctly that the bill would go to a study of the committee and that we would study it diligently and we would bring in outside people and others to help us. But the thing that interests me about 375, it has so many directors on it that no one really know what the direction is. The outside forces have been