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important that we take this next step before we try to make any of these policy choices on what is an issue that may be among, I would think, the top five in terms of the future of Nebraska. So, with that brief explanation, I would ask you to accept the amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Amendment on the desk, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Dierks would move to amend Senator Scofield's amendment. (Dierks amendment is on page 1562 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, the amendment that I have offered is a friendly amendment. And Senator Scofield is in accord with it. All it does is change the date of the bill. The reporting time is changed from September 1, 1990 to December 1, 1989. We think that this will be ample time for the study to take place, and we'd like to have that report here this year. Would like to, at this time, just make a couple of comments about the legislation, about the bill. I don't believe you can live in Nebraska and not be aware of our very wonderful resource, our water supply, both surface and ground water. And it will be one of the very great assets that we have for years to come. I think that it will be one of the things that attract people to our state, because you have a difficult time finding a better source of good, potable water. I think it's necessary that we know where we are with regards to the legalities of moving this water, and this is a step in the right direction to protect our citizens, to protect their natural resource, and to protect those who might be here in years to come in their ability to use and utilize our water resources. So I'm in full support of the bill. The fact is I'm signed on as a co-signer and would urge your support in accepting the amendment to the amendment and the amendment and the bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Pirsch, would you care to discuss the amendment to the amendment?

SENATOR PIRSCH: I originally was going to speak to the amendment, but I would like to question Senator Dierks, if he would yield.