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CLERK: 15 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of Senator Coordsen's amendment to the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: The amendment to the committee amendments is adopted. Do you have anything else on it, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: We're back to the committee amendments, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Okay, we're back to the committee amendments. Senator Elmer, please.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Baack, would you yield to a question?

PRESIDENT: Senator Baack, would you respond, please.

SENATOR BAACK: Yes.

SENATOR ELMER: Senator Baack, is there any limit then to how many public offices a single individual could hold?

SENATOR BAACK: No.

SENATOR ELMER: Okay.

SENATOR BAACK: Unless that individual is a constitutional officer or member of the Legislature, the only exceptions.

SENATOR ELMER: Did the committee think that this particular circumstance might be detrimental in any case?

SENATOR BAACK: Well, I...what the committee decided was that we could not come up with a laundry list of what office you could and could not hold that made any sense, that had any rationale to it that made any sense. So what we said was let's let the voters of each area decide. If they want one person to serve on 10 boards, let them do it. If that's what the voters decide to do, let's just let them do that, because we couldn't come up with anything else that made any real sense that had any good rationale.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you. I think that, given the number of entities that we have to deal with and especially in an irrigated area where you have an irrigation district board, you have a public power board, you have the board of commissioners,