

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, a record vote, please.

PRESIDENT: All right. Mr. Clerk, a record vote, please.

CLERK: (Read record vote. See pages 102-103 of the Legislative Journal.) 15 ayes, 25 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Schmit amendment does not pass. Now back to the bill, Mr. Clerk, I understand we have another motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend the committee amendments. (The Chambers amendment appears on page 103 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, and members of the Legislature, if you will turn to the committee amendments, I can tell you very easily and simply what it is that I am doing. Toward the bottom of the page in line 12, starting with the word "except" where we deal with the center pivot or other irrigation systems used for agricultural and horticultural purposes, I'm striking all of that. Starting in line 12 with the word "except", I'm striking all of the language through "agricultural and horticultural purposes", on line 16, and I'll tell you why I'm doing that. There are a lot of people who are distressed about the groups and special interests that don't pay taxes. Everybody who is an adult realizes that it takes money to run and operate a government. People become offended deeply when they see those most able to pay taxes are not required to pay them or those similarly situated because they have a spokesperson or lobbyist not having to pay. The Governor put together what was called, I was told it was called, a crisis team to deal with this situation. When you look at the make-up of that team, that is the crisis. The make-up of the team, therein lies the crisis. You have people who are paid to represent certain interest groups, not the public, not the taxpayer, who, in order to protect their jobs, come up with this nonsense and the Governor doesn't care, remember, what nature the bill takes. The Governor doesn't care how silly it is, how stupid it is, because it is the ignorant Legislature that is going to enact it and she will say as she is running for reelection, we presented it to the Legislature and they were free to reject it, but as usual, the dumbbells went for it. All