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LB 51, 818

Final Reading. Would the senators please be seated. Please proceed, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Rod Johnson would move to return LB 51 to Select File for a specific amendment. The amendment is on page 2218 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Madam President and members, this language that we're adding to this particular bill would try and exempt those individuals from the NRD districts who would not have to be required to work under the provisions of the well licensing standards. There are those who think because of chemigation and well testing that the NRDs do, on behalf of the citizens of our...of their respective districts, that they should be also subject to the well licensing standards that we have requested that...or by law required that well drillers have to live by and it seemed like an unnecessary requirement since they are not actually drilling wells but in some cases they are opening well heads in order to survey the water or to check the water for nitrates and so forth. This was brought to us by the Natural Resources Districts Association and I'm offering this amendment on their behalf.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Johnson. Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Madam President, I support Senator Rod Johnson in his endeavor. He explained it very well. It's just simply that the NRD people do have to do this and that they may not need to come under the well drillers. It's rather ironic, I had the same amendment nearly filed, brought to me by the Health Department and their concern and I had it filed to LB 818. So I'm glad that Senator Johnson took care of it for us. please.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Nelson. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Johnson, if I may, just a couple of questions. I'm not sure if I understand the amendment entirely. Was this a bill?

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Yes, it was, Senator. We had a hearing on it in the Natural Resources Committee. I can't remember the specific bill number, Senator, but it was one of those...I don't know the location of where that bill is, if it's still in