

drafter's office, over noon.

CLERK: Yes, sir.

SENATOR BEUTLER: And that should be Senator Wickersham and myself.

PRESIDENT MOUL: If there are no objections, it's so ordered. Senator Beutler. (Beutler-Wickersham amendment appears on pages 1343-48 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, as I think you're all aware at this point in time, LB 306 is the bill that has to do with municipal water suppliers gaining instream flow rights upon proof...upon application and proof of the relationship between the water that they're extracting from their wells and surface water, related surface water. And we have been working very hard with a number of different agricultural groups to get the bill to the place where everybody is satisfied with regard to what it does, everybody feels relatively satisfied with regard to the exact right that's being granted to the municipal water suppliers in this particular instance. The set of amendments that's before you now, 3537, does a number of things, all of which have to do with narrowing the scope of the bill and satisfying, either through modification of language, or through complete elimination, I think, all those objections to the bill except the two which will be expressed through Senator Lamb's amendment coming up after this particular amendment. So, as far as I am personally aware right now, all objections to the bill will be satisfied with this Wickersham-Beutler amendment, with the exception that we will need to talk about Senator Lamb's amendment thereafter. This particular amendment rewrites the intent language to eliminate some conjunctive use language which was bothersome to a number of folks. It further constrains some of the subsection 3 language, which was of concern to some folks, to get rid of the reference to hydrologically connected groundwater. It clarifies, through definition, what induced groundwater recharge is, and clarifies that it will be through the instream flow right that the municipal suppliers will seek to protect their induced groundwater recharge. There are two or three more, basically, technical changes, and then there is one substantive change that is basically the work of Senator Wickersham. Bob, I don't know if you...do you want to talk about that a little bit right now? Maybe you want to describe