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what you're doing there. And with his description then that would put...the complete...a description of what is in this particular amendment.

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

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Madam President. The portion that Senator Beutler was referring to is the amendment that I passed around to your desks earlier, it was drafted for another amendment. But, basically, it struck out the language that was contained in the earlier amendment which would have allowed an appropriative right, in effect an appropriative right for a well to relate back in time, not...so it was not based on the date of application, but would have been based on the date the well was drilled. That kind of a provision in the bill, I think, would have done great violence to our existing priority system, which is based entirely upon first in time, first in right. That provision was the subject matter of discussion for several weeks. And I was happy to reach an agreement with the sponsors of the bill that that particular provision could be removed. I have grave doubts as to whether or not it could have been constitutionally implemented. And, as I noted, it was contrary to our existing appropriation system.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Mr. Clerk, are there amendments on the desk?

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Lamb would move to amend Senator Beutler and Senator Wickersham's amendment. Senator, you have a preference which one you do first?

SENATOR LAMB: I would do the one that I think on that amendment it was to page 9 and is still on page 9, only it would be lines 8, 9, and 10....

CLERK: Okay.

SENATOR LAMB: ...I believe it is.

CLERK: Okay.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you, Madam Chair and members. I guess