

PRESIDENT MOUL: We have ceased debate. I will recognize Senator Beutler for closing while the remainder of the senators report to the chambers.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President and members of the Legislature, let me just remind you where we are. We are on the Wickersham-Beutler amendment and you may recall that I explained to you at the beginning that this amendment contains the ideas and the concerns and the suggestions of various rural groups and basically it clarifies or narrows in eight to ten different ways the thrust of the bill and perhaps the most important thing that it does is Senator Wickersham's suggestion itself which changes the priority date on any new wells that may...any new instream flow rights which may be obtained by the cities to a priority date of the date of application, so they will all be 1992 or thereafter and, by virtue of that, that means that no existing, no current existing surface water user and no current existing groundwater user for any purpose whatsoever will be harmed or hurt by this bill. The cities will come after everybody. And the value of the bill and of these amendments to the city has to do with the future and protecting the future. So however you may feel about the bill, I hope that you will feel favorable towards the amendments since they are the consensus amendments needed by the agricultural community and hopefully agreed upon. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Beutler. We will now vote on the Beutler amendment to LB 306. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 1 nay, Madam President, on adoption of the Beutler-Wickersham amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment is adopted. I will raise the call. Further amendments, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Lamb, I had an amended printed, Senator, earlier on page 1258. I have a note you wish to withdraw. Madam President, Senator Rod Johnson would move to amend. Senator, AM3507. (AM3507 is found on pages 1364-66 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Johnson.