

following the bill, please ignore everything under line 16 of page 2, on through the end of the bill, because all of that, although it looks voluminous, is simply the bill drafter's request to rewrite a part of the law that, in their opinion, was poorly structured. It deals with a completely different subject than the main subject of the bill, but since it was in this section there was a request by the bill drafter to redo it and so they have done that. If anybody is concerned about that section, we'll just change it back to the old language. I'm simply accommodating the bill drafter. So the real part of the bill is in lines 1 through 15 of Section 1, and in that section you will see that it talks about...the section is about an action for the recovery of title or possession of lands, and the general rule with regard to that is that there is a ten-year statute of limitations that is applicable, except, except that limitation is currently not applicable to a county, city, town, village, other municipal corporation, public power and irrigation districts. In other words, what we have done, historically, is because we're dealing with taxpayer monies and because we're dealing with public entities that typically have a great number of properties and it's hard to keep up and watch every piece of property at every moment in time, we've said with regard to almost all public entities that they do not have to abide by the ten-year statute of limitations but can bring suit to recover property that may have been taken by another at any point in time. For some reason, Natural Resource Districts were left out of those public entities that had that right. And all this bill does is include Natural Resource Districts among irrigation districts and power districts and all the other kinds of public entities and allows them to recover taxpayer funded properties at any point in time if they are in the right and can do so. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Beutler. You've heard the opening on LB 297. Is there any discussion? Seeing none, Senator Beutler waives closing. The question is the advancement of LB 297 to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 297.

SENATOR HALL: LB 297 advances to E & R Initial. The next item, Mr. Clerk.