

be diverted by the canal company and done within their borders. It just really facilitates that ability with the oversight of the DWR. And I think that Senator Wickersham has brought us a very good bill and I would ask all of you to help us with the attachment of the committee amendments and the advancement of LB 99 to Select File. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I would like to commend Senator Wickersham and the Natural Resources Committee for dealing with this issue. It does have the full support of the three irrigations districts in my legislative district. It does not allow for the increased use of water, as I understand it, and it does allow for the streamlining of the adjudication process which allows transfers of water rights. With that, I will conclude my comments and appreciate Senator Wickersham bringing the issue forward.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES: Madam President and members of the body, I want to stand in support of these amendments to the bill and this went through Natural Resources and we heard it and I really commend Bob Wickersham for bringing it. And I do have some water districts in my district and they all approve of it. So I think it's really a good piece of legislation that we can move the water rights around in the district and so I think it's something that we should go ahead and pass. It's good policy. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Jones. Is there any further discussion on the committee amendments? Seeing none, Senator Beutler, do you wish to close? Closing is waived. The question before you is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 99. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote nay. Please record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the committee amendments, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The committee amendments are adopted. The Chair recognizes Senator Wickersham to open on the bill.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Madam President, I think we've had a good