

CLERK: Mr. President, the next item on the bill is Senator Elmer and Bromm, AM2051, Senator.

SENATOR HALL: Senator Elmer, to open on the amendment.

SENATOR ELMER: Mr. Clerk, I think that the amendment that we wish to take up is AM2241 that would be there to substitute for that if we have consent.

SENATOR HALL: Is there no objection? Substituted.

CLERK: Senator Elmer and Bromm would offer AM2241, Mr. President. (AM2241 appears on pages 2215-18 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR HALL: Senator Elmer, to open on your amendment.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Senator Hall, and members, these amendments are basically technical in nature and rectify some problems that arose with the passage of some budget bills and such as that earlier in prior sessions. A couple of years ago we passed a bill in the Legislature that exempted irrigations districts from the State Budget Act where they had to send their budgets to the State Auditor because the timing was very wrong and because they are very different type of an entity. And, inadvertently, that was removed from the statute with the passage of another law. This merely reinstates what we had done before for irrigation districts. It also changes some technicalities about certification of replacement wells that take priority dates from wells they are replacing if they are done within 30 days or a reasonable length of time, and harmonizes it with another water bill we passed earlier this year. And, finally, it makes...it makes a statement about what can go on as far as water control structures can be built during the interim between now and the 1st of January of 1997. And those are the type of structures that are for flood control or sediment control which will not make or cause to be made any consumptive use of impounded water. And that's all the amendment does. It's all pretty technical and I would ask that you indulge me with the addition of this amendment and advancing this to Final Reading, please. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Elmer. Senator Bromm, your light is next on the Elmer-Bromm amendment.