

cloture vote.

SENATOR DIERKS: Then how many votes for the other amendments in the bill?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Twenty-five, they would be their normal. Yeah, I...whatever motion is pending it would take the appropriate number of votes and, in most cases, if it's an amendment to the amendment, an amendment and advancement of the bill, it would be 25 votes on each of those.

SENATOR DIERKS: Okay. Do you have any idea how much time is left on LB 108 before eight hours is over?

SPEAKER WITHEM: As my...as I...when I asked the Clerk's desk this morning, at that time they told me 11:50, I believe, was the hour upon which the cloture motion would be acceptable.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you very much. Mr. President, members of the body, Floor Amendment 554 is the amendment before us right now and this amendment amends Section 31 of the committee amendments to LB 108. This section consolidates the various management controls currently authorized for control or management areas into one statute. Currently, this section provides that controls need not be applied uniformly. That is, they can vary by category or subarea within the management area if there are reasonable reasons for differing controls. Some of the reasons allowed under current law includes such things as different categories of use of ground water, different types of irrigation systems, varying soil or hydrological characteristics. This section is amended by the committee amendments with a new subsection (6) establishing additional reasons why an NRD may impose nonuniform pumping regulations. These include wells having a different hydrological relationship with the surface water affected and was referred to as a grandfather clause, allowing different regulations for wells constructed prior to the designation of a management area. Floor Amendment 554 would insert a new clause to subsection (6) that different regulations may be imposed depending on the remoteness in time that pumping from a well would impact hydrologically-connected surface water. The amendment is based on explanations of a couple of cases decided in Colorado, discussed in the Department of Water Resources' 1986 Policy Study on Integrated Management. Colorado has the type of