

raised. Mr. Clerk, is there anything else pending on the bill?

CLERK: Senator Dierks would move to amend.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Dierks, you're recognized to open on your amendment.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Clerk, is this Floor Amendment 555? Journal page is 1297. Before I start, Senator Withem...Mr. Speaker, before I...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Yes, Mr....Senator Dierks?

SENATOR DIERKS: Before I start, I'd like to get a little more clarification on the cloture rule. If we vote cloture and it's successful, we know what happens. If it's not successful, then what happens to LB 108?

SPEAKER WITHEM: LB 108 would be taken off the agenda for the day. It would then be my determination...is the way...that I just read the rule. It would be my determination as to when it would be scheduled again. I believe I could not interpret that rule to put it back on today, and I certainly would not. There would then not be an opportunity for cloture again until two additional hours have taken place.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, members of the body, Floor Amendment 555 inserts the new subsection (15) at the end of Section 34 on page 45, and similar new language in Section 60 on page 68. The new language seeks to clarify the controls placed on ground water pumpers shall not have the effect of simply freeing up more water to be appropriated by surface water irrigators. The primary reason to have integrated management is to preserve flows in order to protect the rights of existing surface water appropriators or to meet interstate commitments. If integrated management results in additional water freed up for surface diversions, it would simply be a matter of taking water from one user and giving it to another user. The policy of this state is to maximize the beneficial use of water resources. There is nothing to support the conclusion that applying water through a surface water diversion is a higher or more beneficial use than applying water through ground water pumping. I would direct your attention to page 78 of the '86 policy study on integrated management conducted by the