

twice, there's an amendment.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Fine. With that, I will draw...I will draw, Madam President, my rambling discussion to a rapid conclusion and thank the body for the indulgence of their time.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Wickersham, we now turn to the winking rule. Do you have...?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Well, Madam President, since we have now heard from a grandfather, I think I will withdraw the amendment.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The amendment is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Madam President, I now have an amendment signed by Senators McKenzie, Dierks, Bohlke, Jones, Wickersham, Bromm, and Elmer. It's AM4395. (See pages 1868-69 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The group amendment, Senator Wickersham, do you wish to open on it? Senator McKenzie, would you open on the amendment please.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Thank you, Madam President. I wouldn't want you to give that time to Senator Wickersham (laughs). The amendment will be passed out to you in just, just a few minutes, as soon as they can get it copied. Basically it does two things, and I'm going to talk about the first part because it was part of an amendment that I had filed in the Journal last night. The other part is an amendment that Senator Dierks had prepared and I will yield the balance of the opening to him. One of my concerns with LB 108, as a member of the Water Council, and in its final form in committee was the section that dealt with interstate conflicts and state/federal conflicts and the process that we had created. I think from the beginning it's also been one of the most contentious concerns that people had about the role of the Director of Water Resources and what we saw as possibly a necessary hammer or need to involve Department of Water Resources in those kinds of conflicts. That section of the amendment is Section 56 to 66. The first part of the amendment that will be before you in a few moments basically designates a river basin that's subject to interstate compacts involving three or more states, which is at this point in time the Republican River Basin, to those sections. My thinking was,