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series now be a new category for water well registrations and registration fees.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. On the committee amendments, the Chair recognizes Senator Schrock. (See AM0177 found on page 471 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the committee amendments were suggested by the Department of Water Resources. The amendment allows for a series of wells to be drilled for irrigation purposes on a particular site, and it would allow that there'd be a 100 dollar fee for each of the first two wells. A lot of times, in certain areas of the state, because the gravel-bearing material doesn't allow for large wells, even though there is adequate water, a large number of wells can be drilled and then pooled together, to make one decent irrigation site, to get enough water. It can take as many as 20 wells in some areas, and if a 100 dollar fee is charged per well, it gets rather exorbitant. And we thought, the committee thought that this was a good way to address it. The Department of Water Resources felt the same way. We thought it was an issue of fairness. So the amendment allows that it be only a 100 dollar fee for the first two wells, and they would have an unlimited time to add wells to that particular site.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. Discussion on the committee amendments to LB 92? Senator Schrock, you're recognized to close on the committee amendments. Senator Schrock waives closing. The motion before us is the adoption of the committee amendments. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Please record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of committee amendments, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The committee amendments are adopted. Discussion on the advancement of LB 92? Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Senator Beutler would move to amend. (See FA19, found on page 553 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The Chair recognizes Senator Beutler.