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made. But sometimes appointments are made by political favors, and you may get someone appointed who doesn't have to respond to the voters or to the other basin...to the other NRDs within their basin. So your method may be preferable, but there again, I don't think at this time we're willing to take that step. So good discussion points. And you're probably right, there's probably no other agency in the state that has this type of method for selecting a commission, but I don't know what to do about that now. But I don't think at this point in time it's time to take the horse down a different road. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Beutler, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Once again, members of the Legislature, this is something I wanted to ask you to think about, and I will withdraw the amendment, but I hope you'll give some serious thought to the appropriate...the appropriate means of empowering people in a democratic kind of structure. And I hope you'll give some thought why we do it one way almost every place else, but we do it a different way here. I would think that the caucus system, as you read that and as you've heard it described, might be the first thing we describe as twentieth century, in the sense of describing something that's from a former time. I think that now would be a good time to modernize that structure and to bring it into the confines of what most of us think are good operating and fair and equitable institutional principles of organization. So with that, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, I would withdraw the amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Without objection? So ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to amend with AM2289. (Legislative Journal pages 588-591.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Beutler, to open on your amendment to LB 900.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, this is the third one, which will also be withdrawn, after hopefully there's been some discussion. Some or all of these I would like to reintroduce for your review on