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opening on the committee amendments. Are there any persons wishing to discuss committee amendments at this time? Seeing none, Senator Schrock, you would be recognized to close on the committee amendments.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Okay, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, this, this amendment basically increases the fee for drilling a well \$10, and that extra \$10 would be used for basically keeping track of the registrations of the wells in this state. Appreciate your support.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Schrock. You've heard the closing on the committee amendments to LB 31. All in favor please vote aye, and opposed vote nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER BROMM: The committee amendments are adopted. Senator Hartnett, you're recognized to speak.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. Speaker, members, Senator Schrock, this deals with public wells? Is that correct?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Public and...

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Schrock.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Public and private. If I am going to put a private well in, do I have to register that with someone?

SENATOR SCHROCK: You have to register with Department of Natural Resources. And if the well is for domestic use, it's probably under 50 gallon, and \$30 of that...if this bill passes that will be a \$70 fee, it's currently \$60...\$30 will go for a water well decommissioning program that we have in the state so that when a well is decommissioned and it's...and it takes some expense and supervision to decommission a well because you don't want improper contaminants entering our ground water, and \$30 goes for the water well standards, which goes to Health and