

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office
FLOOR DEBATE

February 18, 2003 LB 94

not meet what is acceptable standards. The only trouble is we don't know what those acceptable standards are, and this would establish acceptable standards and it would be...LB 94 would also provide for the department to establish a program for registration of newly constructed or reconstructed systems. I could go on a little further, but basically this is to set up a certification system, registration program. It is intended to be fully funded by fees from certification, examination, education, and registration activities. It will get everybody in line so we're doing this properly, and it will end some threats to our wastewater sites that we have in, basically, rural Nebraska. With that, I have committee amendments.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Natural Resources Committee would amend with AM0142, Madam President.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Schrock, to open on committee amendments.

SENATOR SCHROCK: The committee amendments exempt public power, and public power and irrigation districts from the provisions of this act. It's because they have their own experts on hand and this is something that they can do without oversight. The committee amendments provide for a civil fine of up to \$10,000 per violation, and each day constitutes a new violation. It also changes the number of time the advisory board is required to meet to once a year instead of twice a year. It provides for a temporary certificate...will be provided to professionals who apply and by affidavit verify that they've been on the wastewater site...that they have been on-site wastewater professionals for at least two years prior to the date, and that they wish to be temporarily certified upon payment of a \$300 fee. The temporary certificate expires on December 31, 2005. The last change in the committee amendment is technical. On page 10, line 17, the word "size" is deleted and the phrase "flow from the facility" is substituted. If you have any questions, I would be glad to try and answer them.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Discussion on the