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LB 26

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have to the bill is from Senator Beyer but I have a note that he wishes to withdraw.

PRESIDENT: Senator Beyer's amendment is withdrawn at his request. Senator Pirsch, are you asking recognition?

SENATOR PIRSCH: Yes, Mr. Speaker, Senator Beyer, because he could not be here today, has asked me to carry an amendment for him in the place of the one that he asked to...and it is being distributed now.

PRESIDENT: Very well. Senator Pirsch, there are two amendments ahead of the one that you wish to propose.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Okay, fine.

PRESIDENT: Clerk, proceed.

CLERK: The next amendment I have to the bill is offered by Senator Newell and it is on page 1179 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Newell, do you wish to take up your amendment to LB 26?

SENATOR NEWELL: Yes, I would. The amendment that I offer to LB 26 is an amendment that would I think basically grandfather in those people in truck gardening or truck farming operations. It indicates that the people that would be eligible to continue to receive the Green Belt would have to be engaged in farming for ten years...the truck gardening operations for at least ten years, have 60% of their income come from that source. In other words, it is not a secondary sort of thing, and it would allow this exemption whether they are in agriculturally zoned areas or whether they are inside the city. They would be granted this kind of exemption, if they have traditionally had the exemption and if they meet the other qualifications for the amendment. Frankly, I can appreciate Senator Warner's concerns about the Green Belt. In Douglas County, it works uniquely and I am not sure that I want to hold Douglas County out as the area of the state that one ought to pattern the way the applications and the way the exemptions are granted. In fact I am sure that I don't want to do that. But it is very difficult after we have already made the mistake to take away this exemption from these people and for that reason I offer the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion on the Newell amendment? Senator Warner. Have order in the Chamber please (gavel) for the benefit of the speakers.

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