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LB 133, 134, 198, 199A, 200,
200A, 204, 204A, 234, 506A

the same correctly engrossed, 133, 199A, 200, 200A, 204, 204A, 234 and 506A, all correctly engrossed. See page 1383 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, I have a Retirement report regarding confirmation hearing on certain individuals. (See page 1385 of the Legislative Journal.)

And, Mr. President, Senator Pappas would move that LB 134 become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor. That will be laid over.

And finally, Mr. President, Senator Landis would like a meeting of the Government Committee at four-thirty today underneath the North balcony, Government, North balcony, four-thirty.

Mr. President, the next amendment I have to the bill is offered by Senator Wesely.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, Senator Schmit said I was crafty and cagey and all that stuff and I guess sometimes I get lucky. I felt...I understood this possible concern that some of you had with a lengthy amendment. I am not crazy about forty-some page amendments on the floor of the Legislature. I have got a simpler solution to deal with the problems that I have with the bill and that is to eliminate Section 2 through 23 of the bill and leave the first section which I think is something we can all support. The amendment would do just that. It seems to me that there are three elements in this bill. One of them deals with the recognition of ground water recharge resulting from a water storage project as a beneficial use and that to me is something that I can support. It is in my estimation absolutely the case. Storage projects do result in recharge so I have no problem with that recognition. Again, it does recognize an interrelationship between ground and surface water. The other two parts of the bill that are there is number one, for existing projects and then, number 2, for new projects, the allowance for these reclamation and irrigation project districts to charge for recharge benefits. Those are the two other elements of the bill. Now those elements of the bill are extremely important and they are very much a change in our policy that I think can't easily be changed without some careful consideration and from what I can see in the committee, getting the bill dumped on us at the start of the session.