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LB 488

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers, did you wish to close? Okay, the question is the adoption of the Vickers amendment. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the Vickers amendment, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The Vickers amendment is adopted. Senator Vickers, may I introduce some guests of Senator Hall this morning under the south balcony. We have Donna Cernohous, Mary Pat Pistillo, and Billie McCoy, all of Omaha. They are Special Education teachers of the visually impaired. Would you ladies please stand and be recognized by the Legislature. Donna, how did I do on your name? Fair, well, okay, it is an April Fool's Day. Thank you, ladies, for attending the Legislature. Mr. Clerk, do we have anything further on the bill?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: All right, Senator Vickers on the bill.

SENATOR VICKERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, members, LB 488 is a bill, as Senator Schmit explained a little bit earlier in explaining the committee amendments, that was introduced as a result of the passage in 1983 of LB 198 by this body. LB 198, for those of you that perhaps don't remember or weren't here, was a bill that for the first time recognized the use of surface water for groundwater recharge. It was a very important bill. It recognized the correlation between those two bodies of water but there were some problems with the bill. If you remember, those of you that were here, I attempted, as a matter of fact I was a pain in the neck as what I was one whole afternoon trying to amend the bill as it reflected on the incidental use of surface water for groundwater recharge. Now there are two ways that groundwater can be used for groundwater recharge under the provisions of our law, number one, by the intentional building of a project, the intentional spreading of surface water on the surface of the land to bring about groundwater recharge and, number two, by the incidental or if you want to use the term "accidental" use of surface water that brings about