

telecommunications, 835, will be coming up on March 24. And LR 322CA March 26th in the afternoon. So if you are interested, you might make a note of that. Move on to LB 849, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB..well, the first item I have on the bill, Mr. President, is a request by Senator Rod Johnson to add his name as co-introducer.

SPEAKER NICHOL: No objections? So ordered.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 849 was introduced by the Speaker for the Governor and Senator Rod Johnson. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 9 of this year. It was referred to the Agriculture and Environment Committee for hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. There are Agriculture and Environment Committee amendments pending, Mr. President. (Standing Committee amendments can be found on page 802 of the Legislature Journal.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, members, very briefly the bill, as amended by the committee, basically narrows the scope of this legislation dramatically down to specifically a secondary market for agricultural loans. As the bill was originally drafted some would have said it would develop a state bank. Some others said it was just simply a hodgepodge of a lot of different issues. But after the committee hearing, and the questions directed to the Governor's office and to those supporting the issue, it was evident that the bill would not fly under its...the way it was originally drafted, and so we, as a committee, by suggestions of the Governor's office, decided to narrow the scope of this legislation down to providing for a secondary market for agricultural loans, to provide for long-term capital for agriculture, and received good support by the committee as it's narrowed down and, in fact, many of the lending institutions of the state now have indicated that they can live with the bill as it is. So, Mr. President, I would move the advancement or the adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The question is the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.