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LB 296, 442, 700, 948, 1085, 1211A, 1368  
LR 351

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The amendment fails. Mr. Clerk, items for the record.

CLERK: Madam President, thank you. Your... First of all, LB 296 has been reported correctly enrolled. I have proposed rules changes from Senator Will. Those will be referred to the Rules Committee. New A bill. (Read LB 1211A by title for the first time.) LR 351, a resolution by Senator Landis and Senator Bromm. (Read.) That will be laid over. Amendments by Senator Brashear to LB 1368; Senator Wickersham to LB 700; Senator Brashear to LB 442; Senator Pirsch and others to LB 948. That's all that I have, Madam President. (See pages 1310-15 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do hereby sign LB 296. We turn now to a... Excuse me, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Beutler would move to amend the committee amendments. (Beutler amendment, AM3874, is referred to on page 1315 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Beutler to open on the committee amend...his amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, this amendment is...also represents work of the Natural Resources Committee pursuant to our directive from the Revenue Committee. One of the things that we did was to look at all of the taxing kinds of jurisdiction, or taxing kinds of entities within our jurisdiction to see what we could do, or what we could effect in terms of limiting property taxation. And there were a number of different kinds of districts that had somehow escaped in the early 1970s being included in NRDs. And one of those types of districts were drainage districts. After 1972, no new drainage district could be formed. But before that time there were a large number of them formed by one of two sections of statutes. In one of the sections of statutes that allows the creation of drainage districts you can only tax by benefit. That is you look at each piece of property and determine how much it benefits from the drainage project, and