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CLERK: LB870 Title read.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cavanaugh, do you want to handle the amendments yield to Senator Lewis. All right, Senator Lewis. Frank Lewis.

SENATOR FRANK LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, I know that this bill is somewhat controversial. It was controversial last session, and there were some that were concerned about it, and particularly the REA's. And so before this session started, and before the bill was introduced there was considerable work, both after the bill was introduced and before by the staff attorney for the REA. Their staff members, members of the State Electrical Board Contractors. And I thought we had pretty well taken of the problem. There are some amendments that are being offered by Senator Lewis, and Senator Rasmussen I will comment on those later. But what we did during the hearing at putting together the bill totally in it's form and approved and worked together with the REA and the State Electrical Board, and other interested parties we have an amendment which is in essence the entire bill. And I move the adoption of the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion of the committee amendments? To LB870. Any further discussion? If you are in favor of adopting the committee amendments please say aye. Those opposed say no. The ayes have it. So ordered. The committee amendments are adopted. Are there other amendments.

CLERK: Yes. There are voluminous amendments attached to the bill. The first set is by Richard Lewis, which are found on page 595 of the Legislative Journal.

PRESIDENT: Ready to consider Senator Richard Lewis' amendments then to LB870. Senator Richard Lewis.

SENATOR RICHARD LEWIS: Mr. President, and members of the Legislature. These amendments that I had printed on this particular page are a result of a meeting that I held with the proponents of this bill, and with some of the representatives of the rural areas. And the farm group. And they have been published for quite a considerable time here. And I think most everyone has had an opportunity to read them. And I would move the adoption of the amendments.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion of the amendments. Senator Lewis. Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR FRANK LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, I would request that the amendments be taken one at a time. Some of those are acceptable and some are not, to me. I think to others.

PRESIDENT: Senator Richard Lewis, that's in the rules of the Legislature, back to you.

SENATOR RICHARD LEWIS: Would the Clerk care to read those one at a time?

CLERK: O.K. The first one is on page 2, line 7, strike single phase, and in line 17 strike 'single phase.

SENATOR RICHARD LEWIS: I would move the adoption of that amendment.