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farm right across the road. We're trying to rid of the hogs and we can't do it for five years. So we'll push this as fast as we can.

PRESIDENT: All right, Senator R. Lewis, do you care to close? He passes closing. The question is, shall the bill as amended be advanced. All those in favor vote aye. Those in favor...those opposed vote no. Clerk will record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, no nays, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Advanced. LB906.

CLERK: Read LB906. There is an amendment offered by Senator Burbach.

PRESIDENT: Senator Burbach.

SENATOR BURBACH: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I move for the adoption of the amendment. If the Clerk will read it, I will explain the amendment.

CLERK: Read amendment. (Found on page 1476 of Journal).

SENATOR BURBACH: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. This bill had much discussion prior, during the interim study. It had discussion and everyone was opposed to the passage of this bill that appeared for it and no one for it. It's one of the cases, what is right in the case of taxation and exemption from taxation. After the sales tax exemption was granted to the rural irrigation districts, then rural water districts came in to ask for it. And RD's are thinking about asking in the very near future. I hear some talk about it at the moment. It seems as though certain entities of government can make a tremendous show and a tremendous case for their exemptions. And if this be the case by those people who would oppose the reinstatement of the tax on the rural irrigation districts, we just as well face up to it at the moment and allow that tax to continue, that exemption to continue and to recognize that rural water districts and NRD's are in identically the same class. And I move for the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Senator Burbach, can I ask Senator Burbach a question, Mr. Speaker?

PRESIDENT: Senator Burbach. Senator Keyes is asking you a question.

SENATOR KEYES: In other words, this is going to say that these districts will pay a sales tax just like every other district, like the rest do.

SENATOR BURBACH: Well, sir, this amendment will exempt the rural water districts and will exempt the NRD's from paying of a sales tax. Just as...the same as irrigation districts are enjoying now, just the same as.....

(End of Belt 5A)