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LB 56, 159

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of LB 56 as amended. There is an important feature of the committee amendments that probably should be recognized, part of the bill, that it allows a drilling company that any information that is submitted to the commission to be retained confidential for at least a year. Now that does protect the drilling company that explores for oil and if that is not in there, I don't think there will be any more wells drilled. I don't think so. This is an important feature of the bill. We need this so I do support the bill, Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: I am sorry I didn't mention that before. I forgot about it. What this does is to keep the information confidential in a well for one year's time so that people can not come in and get bottom hole information off of a well that has been drilled for a month or so. That is all that it does but it is important because without that you would have chaos in the industry.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Clark, I assume you are closing on your motion to advance the bill as amended. All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed no. We are voting on the advancement of LB 56 to E & R for review. Clerk, record the vote.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried and the bill is advanced. Next we take up LB 159.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 159 was a bill introduced by the legislative Oversight Committee and signed by the members thereof. (Read title to LB 159.) The bill was first read on January 9 of this year. It was referred to the Revenue Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments pending by Senator Carsten's Revenue Committee, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, I move for the adoption of the committee amendments. The committee amendments to LB 159 are in two parts. The first amendment changes the wording from "regularly" to "continually" and it was meant to really strengthen the bill. What it really does is to say that the county assessor will continually use the manuals instead of