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LB 26

which I believe is pending at this time. Senator Kelly is excused.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you want to refer us to the...Senator Koch amended the Schmit-Cullan amendments?

CLERK: Yes, sir, he did. And Senator...

SPEAKER MARVEL: We need to address ourselves to the Schmit-Cullan amendments as adopted...as amended, right?

CLERK: Yes, sir, and I might add that I have amendments pending, which would amend the Schmit-Cullan amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you want to...

CLERK: Mr. President, the Schmit-Cullan amendment is on Page 855 of the Legislative Journal.

SPEAKER MARVEL: What page is it on? The first amendment is Senator Carsten's amendment, and it's found on Page 858 of the Journal. Senator Carsten, do you want...your amendment is to strike Section 11, I think. Is that right?

SENATOR CARSTEN: Yes. Mr. President, and members of the Legislature, if I remember correctly, this amendment was to strike that portion that relates to the lid part, of which we were projecting that we were addressing in LB 285 of the amendments thereto, and it would appear that this would not be necessary in this bill. That was the reason that I suggested that this section should be deleted. I'm sure Senator DeCamp has some comments on it.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, we've gotten bogged down on what probably is the single most important water bill that the Legislature is going to deal with this year. Now I say we've gotten bogged down because we're dealing with various mechanical things such as metering of wells, mill levy increases, limitations on spending, and so on and so forth. I don't know whether it has been pointed out on the floor yet, but the essence, the very essence of LB 26 is to set up due process procedures that are absolutely, critically necessary to hold all our water laws together and to keep our NRDs functional. Recognizing that, and the importance of LB 26, I think Senator Kremer, over the week-end has met with a number of other senators, and has what I think is the most reasonable solution, and I would hope that we