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LB 739

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 739. All those in favor of that motion vote aye, opposed no. We are voting on the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 739. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the committee amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The committee amendments are adopted. The motion is carried. Senator Kremer.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a series of amendments.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, do you want to take up the bill first and then we will go the amendments, Senator Kremer?

SENATOR KREMER: I will explain what the bill does and everyone will understand a little bit better what the amendments do to the bill. You will recall that two years ago a bill was passed that would phase out the groundwater conservancy districts. These conservancy districts are organized on a countywide basis. Presently there are five counties that have adopted legislation that would authorize a ground water conservancy district, or seven counties, I'm sorry, seven counties. What the bill does, it extends the life of these ground water conservancy districts as amended now to an additional five years, or they would phase out then in the year of 1987. That is the content of the bill, pure and simple. Now I guess we are ready for the amendments. Are we not? Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Yes, sir.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you want to read the amendments?

CLERK: Mr. President, the first amendment is by Senator Maresh. (Read Maresh amendment as found on pages 1261-1262 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, most of you remember about two years ago when Jack Mills and I worked on this bill to have these districts to expire January 1, 1982, and now we have a bill to extend it another five years and I think if these districts are doing a good job as they say they do, we should let the people in that area decide if they actually are doing this kind of work that they claim they are and by placing this on the ballot in these districts that are involved in this