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LB 918, 918A

this year, referred to Ag and Environment. The bill was considered by the body on March 12. At that time it failed to advance. I have two motions on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Nichol, do you wish to explain the bill?

SENATOR NICHOL: Yes, Mr. Chairman, we've debated this bill. I think fifteen minutes is adequate regardless of the amendments and I would hope that they would be withdrawn. First of all, I ask permission, Mr. Chairman, to withdraw 918 A which was the A bill accompanying this and I ask permission to withdraw that. Is that granted, sir?

SPEAKER MARVEL: Any objections? Let's proceed with the bill itself and forget about 918A.

SENATOR NICHOL: Okay, the bill now as it stands, Mr. Chairman, the bill now as it stands has no money in it. The appropriation bill that we passed this morning, 995, has the appropriation money in it. The percentages are as follows. The federal government contributes \$2,000,000. The state government provides \$1,000,000 and the farmers and ranchers present \$2,000,000. The split is as follows. The ranchers pay one half. The state pays one sixth and the federal government pays one third. That should add up to 100%. The only thing the bill contains now is the fact that it will allow the State Department of Agriculture to administer the program. Last year we had problems with it being administered because the federal government had to issue the contracts, deal with airplane pilots, people providing the poison and so forth and this would allow the state Department of Agriculture to enter into the contracts and to handle the program. That is what the bill amounts to now. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch. Senator Koch, okay. Senator Burrows, you have two motions.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Burrows first moves to indefinitely postpone LB 918.

SENATOR BURROWS: I would like to withdraw that motion if he has withdrawn the A bill.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Burrows now moves to amend: (Read Burrows amendment as found on page 1736 of the Journal.)