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large issues, so I would ask unanimous consent to withdraw this amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Hearing no objection, so ordered.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment is offered by Senator Beutler. It is printed separately. You will find it in your bill book. It is referred to on page 1792 of the Journal.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, I wish to withdraw the amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Hearing no objection, so ordered. The next one.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment is offered by Senator Kelly. Senator Kelly wants to pass over. The next amendment is by Senator Schmit, request....

SENATOR SCHMIT: Withdraw.

CLERK: Withdraw. The next amendment is by Senators Rumery, Beutler and Hoagland.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, the amendment that Senators Rumery, Hoagland and myself are offering at this point in time are essentially the committee amendments that were approved 8 to nothing by the Public Works Committee and which came out of the Public Works Committee and which were before you a couple of weeks ago, except we have eliminated from the committee amendments a portion of them that were objected to at the time of the first floor debate. We have deleted from the committee amendments all of the provisions relating to stiffer penalties for the violations of statutes concerning water regulation. In addition, we have deleted the directive to water agencies to study the issues of storage and groundwater recharge and minimum stream flow, etcetera. Let me remind you again of what remains in the committee amendments at this point in time. The major provisions of these amendments are as follows: First of all, would allow an NRD to declare a control area on a showing that water pollution is making an aquifer unsuitable for its present uses. Secondly, to allow an NRD to implement regulations and controls when hydrologic and geologic data show that an area is likely to experience shortages or a conflict of users in the foreseeable future. Third, it would allow an NRD to enact more restrictive spacing