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SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: Record your presence please. Will you record your presence please so we can begin the afternoon's agenda? Record.

CLERK: There is a quorum present, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you have something to read in?

CLERK: Very quickly. I have some amendments from Senator Newell to LB 3 to be inserted in the Journal. (See page 1412.)

And pursuant to our rules, Mr. President, I have the session employees expense report. That will be inserted in the Journal as well. (See page 1411.)

Mr. President, when we left the bill this morning, LB 243, there was a motion to indefinitely postpone. That was pending. That was offered by Senator Sieck.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Sieck.

SENATOR SIECK: Yes, Mr. President and members of the body, I did address myself once to this bill. I would like to address myself again. Senator Schmit talked about the criteria in his sheet of what the NRDs are going to do, what they are obligated to do. He is entirely correct as they are listed. That is what they are obligated to do and I think that is what they are doing. I want to make that very clear with you, that is what they are doing. The recreation is just a very minor thing as far as the NRDs are concerned, very minor, but yet they have to have this instrument, this certain, what do you call it, qualifications to do such as land treatment, pollution and all that. This is all a part of it and when we wrote the NRD law this was a part of it. Why was it written that way? Because they took over the conservancy districts which were formed to implement the 566 program and this was mostly in rural areas. And then another thing that happened was that we implemented, the Legislature did, the watershed district which was a large district encompassing this particular area and you maybe can call that special legislation but it wasn't as such. There could have been a water district formed anywhere but this was legislation to give the power to that operating board the authority to levy a tax. In the conservancy district, it was two mills and they also gave them