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Now we are not saying that the information that we want to find out about these agencies is not going to be available. I am sure that it will be on a demand basis, and a lot of the things that are in those books have nothing to do with...let's say they are a financial report or what they are doing in various fields. It's more of a glorification for the department than it is information. I think that is a fair statement. And so I certainly support this and let's see how it works. I also realize that many of these are made because of grant programs that some of these agencies have, and, of course, we aren't interfering with that. If they have to have this information for grants, why I am sure they will print them, but they won't make as many of them and distribute them to everybody and his uncle. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the advancement of the bill as explained, LB 545. All those in favor of advancing that bill vote aye, opposed vote no. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is carried. The bill is advanced. The next bill is LB 252.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 252 offered by Senator Chris Beutler. (Read title.) The bill was first read on January 16, referred to Public Works. The bill was advanced to General File. There are committee amendments by the Public Works Committee, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman and colleagues, I will try to explain the committee amendments in layman's language rather than make a reference to the amendments as they are printed. We addressed this issue in the following amendments to LB 252. First of all, it does...the committee amendments do modify the definition of beneficial use. The amendments would say that beneficial use shall include but not be limited to. Secondly, it addresses subirrigation that would be specified as a beneficial use. Next we go to use of the word...instead of pollution control, we chose to use the words...the phrase "water quality and maintenance" rather than pollution control. And next a sentence would be added to say "nothing in the definition is intended to affect the preference for the use of surface water". By statute we do set up a preference of use and we just make a statement here in the printed amendment to say, nothing that would affect that preference of use. Then