

in subsection 2 makes clear that only one application fee is charged for a water project, making an application for a modification of water rights to recognize incidental underground water storage and recovery. The deletion of subsection 6 makes storage application fees consistent for all purposes. In Section 2 the amendments are all technical in nature and they are simply a clarification of language. Section 3 has some substantive changes to the existing statutes. Subsection 1 of Section 3 clarifies the language and makes the statute consistent regarding requirements of persons planning to build a storage reservoir. It requires all persons planning to construct a reservoir except reservoirs exempted by subsection 2 to file the plans and apply for the rights to store water. Subsection 2 lists the conditions upon which a person is exempt from these requirements, these exemptions being the dam is low hazard, having a height of less than 25 feet with a permanent storage capacity less than 15 acre feet and no water may be withdrawn or diverted from the reservoir. It also eliminates the so-called short form. This bill was presented at the request of the Department of Water Resources and as you will note from the committee statement there were no opponents to the bill. I would ask that this bill be advanced to E & R initial.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: I wonder if Senator Lamb would respond to a question, please.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Yes.

SENATOR VICKERS: Senator Lamb, I apologize because I wasn't...this is a bill I haven't had a chance to read yet, but in your explanation you indicated that there was some change in the fee structure for incidental and intentional storage of underground water. Could you explain that to me briefly again? I do have some interest in that area.

SENATOR LAMB: It modifies the, Senator Vickers, it modifies the fee language, but does not change any of the fee amounts.

SENATOR VICKERS: Could you tell me what page that is in the