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LB 488

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, what do you want to do, Senator Vickers? Do you want to take up the two amendments?

SENATOR VICKERS: Why don't we take up the amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: All right, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Well, Mr. President, actually the first amendment filed by Senator Pappas, Senator Pappas wants to withdraw.

SPEAKER NICHOL: So ordered.

CLERK: In that case, Mr. President, I have an amendment from Senator Vickers that is on page 1211 of the Journal.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, and members, the amendment that I have got to LB 488 is on page 1211, as the Clerk has just indicated, of the Journal and it is basically trying to clarify some of the existing language or some of the language in the bill and the language we are trying to clarify in one portion of the bill on page 9 where it is talking about the application that the irrigation district applies for to get recognition for ground water recharge and uses the words "actually used", now they are talking about surface water actually used by the applicant, and the language of the amendment would be to change the words "actually used" to "directly delivered" because it is much more easy to understand and to measure the actual amount of water delivered, so directly delivered is a much better term. The other part of the amendment that you need to be aware of is it clarifies that the assessments, the 50 cent per acre fee or less that can be assessed under LB 488 for the incidental storage of underground water, it clarifies that that cap of 50 cents is applied only to the incidental storage of underground water, and that was the intention of LB 488, and I think it was the intention of 198, but it wasn't exactly clear so that is the purpose of this amendment. I would urge the adoption of it, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Any further discussion on the Vickers amendment? If not, the question is the adoption...oh, Senator Sieck, excuse me.