

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Vickers would move to amend the bill. (Senator Vickers' amendment appears on page 546 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, this amendment I am serious about. I am serious enough that I will call for a roll call vote on this next one and a call of the house and I won't let it go on a 6 to 8 vote, I can assure you of that. This amendments strikes the sunset provision entirely. This body is making the determination, yes, we like groundwater conservation districts; yes, we want them to be able to have a taxing levy in that area where they have got them. If that is the case, then let's be honest about it and say, it is stupid to have a...to make that determination and still put a sunset provision in the law. Let's strike the sunset provision. Those folks can have a groundwater conservation district forever, as far as this body is concerned, until somebody introduces a bill to eliminate them and is successful with it. In other words, just flip the coin around. Instead of putting Senator Johnson in a position of having to introduce a bill to extend them, put me in the position, if I am back again, to have to introduce a bill to do away with them, which I probably won't do when I am getting beat 4 to 29. What I am saying is if we don't want to have so damn many bills introduced, then quit putting sunset provisions on laws when you know damn well you are not going to do away with them anyway. Take the sunset provision out. Pass the bill and then you won't have to come in with a bill again in 1992 to grant them another five years. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President and members, I have no problem with Senator Vickers' amendment. He sort of puts us on the spot, but that's fine. I can stand up here and defend the programs that the conservation district has been providing this particular area of the state all day as many amendments as Senator Vickers may wish to offer because I think the programs are meritorious enough that I have no problem standing behind them and I will be here all afternoon or all morning until we resolve the issue. If Senator Vickers so wishes, he can certainly sponsor legislation next year to do away with the program or the