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LB 782, 849

say aye. Opposed nay. It is advanced. LB 849.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first item on 849 are E & R amendments, Senator.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President, I'd move the E & R amendments be adopted.

SPEAKER NICHOL: You've heard the motion. All those in favor say aye. Opposed nay. They are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, I now have an amendment to the bill from Senator Rod Johnson. Senator Johnson's amendment is on page 1726 of the Journal.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay, Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members, as you recall this is a bill introduced by Senator Nichol at the behalf of Governor Kerrey to create an Agricultural Revitalization Authority which would allow a secondary market for agricultural loans for the State of Nebraska. There's a great deal of debate as to the intent of the bill. I guess one of the concerns that has been expressed is, of course, the state's liability and what I am attempting to do in this amendment is to offer that loans guaranteed by the authority must have an A or better rated bonds than...to make sure that these bonds are the high or highest quality and secondly, that a minimum capital reserve is not maintained, that the Legislature will receive notice of that fact through the Governor's budget recommendations and it must also note that the Legislature still is not obliged to restore the funds with general obligation dollars. So what we're trying to do here is protect the interest of the state by saying first of all that we want the bonds, or the bonds to be of the highest quality, or the loans, and that we're trying to protect the interest by also letting the state know when the minimum capital reserve is very low or depleted and that the state can take appropriate action. With that, I would move the amendments.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I'm going to speak in just a few moments on an amendment I want to propose to this bill, but in examining the amendment offered by Senator Johnson I felt that it provided me a beginning opportunity to talk about this kind of a bill and the kind of