

to take this matter up. I'll speak later on the...

PRESIDENT: Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: On the bill.

PRESIDENT: This is on the motion to suspend. Do you wish to...

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: No.

PRESIDENT: How about Senator Lamb? All right. Senator Lamb, motion to suspend?

SENATOR LAMB: On the motion, the other.

PRESIDENT: I assume there is no other debate on the motion to suspend the rules. Any closing, Senator Warner? Motion to suspend the rules then, as stated by Senator Warner. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 34 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to suspend the rules so as to consider the override of LB 778.

PRESIDENT: Very well. Senator Warner. The motion carries, Senator Warner, so we'll proceed.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, the presentation will be very short on my part. LB 778 had an amendment placed on it which reversed the process of selecting the Director of the Commission on Natural Resources from what was enacted in LB 1106 a couple of years ago. My interest in it became apparent to me last session during the appropriation process, the reason being it was similar to a comment Senator Schmit made the other day on some of the overrides. But it was very apparent during last year's appropriation process, you had a commission with one set of priorities, the executive, the Governor's office had a different set of priorities on funding projects as well as which programs. And in that mix of disagreement between kind of a double-headed agency, in a sense, very little was done. That identified the issue to me. And then I expanded that. It seems to me that water policy is significantly different than many of the code agencies' activities that we have. The difference is that while I always...I totally agree that the code agencies, such as Economic Development, a whole host of them that come and go with Governor's elections, in the case of water those are