

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Mr. Speaker, I move the adoption of the E & R amendments to LB 368.

SPEAKER BAACK: You've heard the motion to adopt the E & R amendments to LB 368. All those in favor say aye. Opposed no. They are adopted.

CLERK: I have nothing further on that bill, Senator.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Mr. Speaker, I move the advancement of LB 368 to E & R for engrossment.

SPEAKER BAACK: You've heard the motion to advance LB 368. All those in favor say aye. Opposed no. It is advanced. LB 51.

CLERK: 51, Senator, no E & R. Senator Schmit would move to amend the bill. (Schmit amendment appears on pages 1175-76 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, the amendment which I have proposed is a very simple amendment. The Natural Resource Districts had several different methods by which they could allow for allocation or rotation of the irrigation practices of various farmers under their control. And they were not certain that the language, at the present time, would allow for rotation on a year-to-year basis. They knew they could rotate the irrigation, for example, on an hourly basis, on a weekly basis, or a daily basis. They were not sure that they could do it on a yearly basis. In some instances, because of various types of soils being more porous than others, it would make sense for a farmer to be able to irrigate one year and not irrigate the next. This language clarifies that language so that the NRD can, if they so choose, allocate water on an annual basis. I'd move for the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Is there discussion of Senator Schmit's amendment? Seeing none, Senator Schmit, do you wish to close? He waives closing. We will now proceed to