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SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I intend to withdraw this amendment and file it on the animal waste management bill, but briefly explain to you what it does. It would appropriate \$150,000 to the Department of Environmental Quality to use for water quality programs and we had the discussion on LB 822 the other day. It probably does no good to try and protect our streams if we don't monitor and see what's going on and Senator Beutler certainly has brought to our attention that there's probably a shortage of funds to do that and most of our streams are only monitored once every five years. So, with that brief introduction of what this amendment does, I would ask the Clerk to withdraw the amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: So ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment, Senator Wehrbein, AM1461, Senator. (AM1461, Legislative Journal page 1722.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Wehrbein, you're recognized to open on your amendment.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members of the body, this is an amendment that we caught last week on LB 514. If you recall, we created the Universal Service Fund and that's a \$43 million issue the first year and \$60 million the second year. We created the fund in LB 514, but we did not have an appropriation in it so that Cash Fund could be spent. It is Cash Funds that build up in the Universal Service Fund. This allows the authority to appropriate and to spend that money and that's simply all this amendment does, so we decided to attach it to LB 880. I think everyone is clear on what the Universal Service Fund is. If Senator Bromm would like to speak any to this, he's welcome to have a little more of my time or on his own, but this simply does appropriate the Cash Fund that we created in LB 514.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Bromm, did you want some of the time to...

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Thank you, Senator Wehrbein, for catching that. It's a relatively important element I think. If we have the money coming in, and obviously