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want to change the law. And the result of putting it off 10 to 13 years is that we will have to pay millions of dollars, literally millions of dollars that we would not otherwise have had to pay had we done this 12 years earlier to buy out water rights. A whole new regulatory scheme is being devised here. What we had before was a pattern in the law that could be followed...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...but was never used and wasn't flushed out enough to be used. Now it's going to be used big time and it's going to be a complete regulatory system, and there is no reason that the users, especially in light of the elaborate bureaucracy that they're insisting upon here, should not be paying 10, 20, 50 percent of the cost, at least. Most of our regulated industries, as I've indicated to you earlier, pay a larger percentage. Banking and insurance pay everything related to the regulatory cost. This is not unreasonable, what's being asked, and it's acknowledged by the industry itself that it's a fair thing to do in the livestock area. We should have that fee up-front and now so that when these heavy costs come on down the line the pattern of participation is established. Otherwise,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...believe me, there will be a significant run on General Funds as time pass for these purposes.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion of amendment FA1523 to FA1502 to LB 962, Senator Friend, followed by Senator Chambers, Loudon, and Schrock. Senator Friend.

SENATOR FRIEND: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, Senator Chambers had mentioned that I was upset. I...he hasn't seen me upset yet. I don't think he ever will. My grandmother used to say that you can't...an Irishman doesn't get mad at one person; when they get mad, they get mad at the whole world. So I guess, I suppose, if somebody sees me mad, they'll know it here eventually. I was obviously one of the