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SENATOR LANGEMEIER: Thank you, Senator Schrock, and with that, again, I oppose AM2936. I think we've had some good discussion on this here today, and with that, I'd yield my time back to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Langemeier. Senator Beutler. Senator Beutler, there are no further lights on. Did you wish to close, or did you wish to speak?

SENATOR BEUTLER: That's fine. If there are no other lights on, I will close. Members of the Legislature, there are some times in this body and some places when--and maybe today is not the day--but where you see something happening time after time after time, year after year after year, and people don't come to grips with it. Now this contingency deposit, if everything is coming together as they would have you believe, then there never would be a contingency deposit, would there? So you wouldn't even have to worry about it. But if things aren't coming together, who do you want to pay for this? Do you want General Funds to go on and on and on, and becoming a permanent kind of subsidy program, or do you want to put a mechanism in place that down the line, in 2009 anyway, starts to create some pressure to get the system in balance? If I'm wrong and everybody has it in total balance by that particular point in time, it doesn't matter, because there will be no need for a deposit. But if the NRDs fail, if the system fails, as it has failed to date--that's why we're in this situation that we're in, because our systems have failed--then wouldn't it be wise to put something in place that creates an incentive for everybody not to fail? You don't fail, no contingency deposit. It's as simple as that. It is a mechanism that really is designed to work, only when there's a problem, and when there's not a problem, there's no deposit and you don't need it. So I would encourage you, rather than to continue to go down this road that we have gone down so many times before and not brought to heel all the elements of the systems, not brought them to heel and to bear upon the problem in a way that solves the problem, would be yet another mistake. So I encourage you to put this mechanism in place. There is no reason why farmers and ranchers in Senator Louden's district or Senator McDonald's district or any other district of the state should be contributing General Fund money to the Republican