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LB 56

CLERK: 41 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to return the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion carries. LB 56 is returned to Select File. Is the amendment before us, Mr. Clerk? Senator Cullan, you may move the amendment.

SENATOR CULLAN: I move adoption of the amendment which was previously discussed.

PRESIDENT: All right, motion then is to adopt the amendment previously discussed. Any further discussion? If not, I presume that is your closing, Senator Cullan, so the motion then is to adopt the amendment on LB 56. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 40 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of Senator Cullan's amendment, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion carries. The amendment is adopted. Now, Senator Cullan, do you want to readvance the bill?

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I move that LB 56 as amended be advanced to E & R for engrossing.

PRESIDENT: Motion to readvance to E & R for engrossment. Any discussion? All those in favor signify by saying aye, opposed nay. LB 56 is readvanced to E & R for engrossment. Another motion on the desk, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler moves to return LB 56 to Select File for a specific amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I hope you will listen closely to this amendment. Whether you agree with it or not, I think it is an important consideration on a bill like this. Let me, first of all, refresh your memory just briefly on what this bill does. It basically says that if you are using above a certain amount of water for specific purposes, then you have to get a permit from the Director of Water Resources, and the Director of Water Resources is going to grant that permit if he finds looking at certain factors outlined in the bill that it is in the public interest that the permit be granted. The first thing that I wanted to point out to you is that the threshold level that we are talking about is 3,000 or