

this portion. I read in the paper, and I'm sure it was a misquote, that this was kind of caught the body by surprise, because we have talked about it for two years. We spoke about it on the floor last year. And we have a bill, LB, I believe it's 338 on Select File, out of Natural Resources Committee, where we discussed it. And we discussed the costs coming down the pipe to the cities, rural water districts, small towns on the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, and testing it, and costs incurred for testing for VOC's, which is volatile organic chemicals, and SOC's, soluble organic chemicals, and the fact that these tests are required if...not if there's a showing that their water is contaminated, but if there is a likelihood that it's contaminated. So there are going to be huge costs coming down the pipe, again from the federal government, passed on directly to the small towns, large cities, rural water districts. And it's something we're going to have to be very aware of. The report in the paper that said it kind of hit us by surprise, I was a little disappointed in that because we discussed it last year and the year before in committee and on the floor. So I want just to make you all aware that this is happening, another federal mandate that's going to cost us a lot of money to comply with. And don't be surprised next year when we come back and discuss this quite thoroughly on funding. And, again, federal mandates, gotta be done, just like all the other federal mandates. And just don't be surprised and think about it, and talk to your cities and villages and rural water districts this summer about this, because the costs could be huge. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Morrissey. Does anyone else wish to address this amendment? Seeing none, do you have closing, Senator Moore?

SENATOR MOORE: Just remind the body this is the Appropriations Committee recommendation for Select File committee amendments to LB 1022. There are 12 things included in this amendment, I've tried to outline them. The one last thing, as Senator Morrissey mentioned, on the first round, the Department of Health, one of the concerns of the committee was that when this proposal was brought forward to the committee, at least at that point in time on this specific issue, the municipalities had not been visited with, how they could best manage the problem. It is our intent that the Department of Health, the municipalities and the