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suggest why it should not be attached. So, with that, I would recommend to you the adoption of the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. We will now be voting on the Beutler amendment to the committee amendments to LB 822. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 7 ayes, 16 nays, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The Beutler amendment was not adopted. Mr. Clerk, next amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment, Senator Beutler has AM1047. I do have a note that, Senator, you'd like to withdraw that and offer, as a substitute, AM1068.

SENATOR BEUTLER: That's right, Mr. Clerk.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Seeing no objection, it is done. (See AM1068 on page 1258 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, (AM)1068 should be on your screen now. It's a modification of (AM)1047, which was the amendment originally filed. What this amendment does is to indicate that the department, DEQ, should regularly monitor the groundwater quality of these streams and consult with Game and Parks in doing that. And then, in certain circumstances, the...it asks the department to recommend to the natural resource district or districts having jurisdiction additional best management practices relating to the land application of animal waste or chemicals in these particular watersheds, if...if, and only if, the quality of stream is shown to be deteriorating and the application of animal waste or chemicals is a contributing factor. So, if you're not going to have any serious limitations on expansions, then it seems to me, and if your intent is to protect the quality of these streams, then perhaps what we should do is look to what is actually happening in the environment and ascertain whether the stream is deteriorating or not. And, if it is, then ask the department to make specific or general recommendations to the local NRD, which has traditionally handled land application processes, and...and