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would support it but there is a great line in the movie "My Fair Lady." Alfred P. Doolittle is going around cadging money for drinks. He comes up to this old friend of his and the friend says, not a bloody farthing. And that is my feeling about Section 6. So Section 5, yes, Senator Beutler, Section 6, no.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Tyson. Senator Beutler, on your amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I think I'll hold and try to answer all of the questions at the end, but I would say to you, let's be clear on what we did last year. The people that we added to DEQ last year, I think everybody agreed, there was clear evidence from hearings across the state at which thousands of people showed up, literally thousands, if you count them all up together, that the permit, the livestock waste permit program was not being monitored, and that livestock, and that the inspection of livestock waste operations was nonexistent. And the people that we put on last time, and that was a very conservative figure because the Natural Resources Committee went over and over and over that with DEQ, was the minimum number of people needed to process in a timely manner livestock facil...livestock facility permits and to inspect the thousands and thousands of livestock operations that are out there. We had never done that before in this state. This money is entirely different. It has to do with the surface water monitoring program. They relate but it is a gap that we're filling and there is no wasted money here. I mean we multiplied out how much a lab test costs, how many lab tests there would be, what...for what particular element it was, and then added them together for these various elements, and 90 percent of the costs that you have here that I've given to you are going to be lab tests costs, with just a slight amount of money for actually increasing the...for the increased monitoring. But mostly, we're not putting...we're not putting any more people, any more full-time equivalents out into the field to gather samples. That's not happening. They've...they've agreed that they can take samples that they're getting, maybe get a little larger sample, divide it up more, and then there would be separate lab tests for these individual items. So, I mean, I appreciate the fact that Senator Tyson feels strongly about...about spending, and I agree with him totally, and to the extent that he has something specific in