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mind that DEQ should not do in order to do this, I'd be very glad to listen to that. But I think that that...that that is incumbent upon somebody who wants to take that position to suggest that. Senator Tyson is interested in a new program for state patrol telecommunications and that is going to cost us, eventually, 70, 80 million dollars. That's going to be a lot of money, and I don't think anyone is going to suggest, necessarily, that you take a part of that out of their existing budget. We're doing a study on that that's coming out of new money. In fact, that study is taking, what, four or five times as much money...pardon me; \$608,000? It's taking four times as much money as this, and that's probably a good purpose too, but I don't think the suggestion is going to be made that that \$608,000 be taken out of the State Patrol budget although that's a good sized budget. So I hope you'll look at this on its merits and I think on its merits it is very, very justified. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. We are discussing the Beutler amendment to LB 822. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. President, members of the body, first of all, I would like to ask Senator Beutler a question or two, please.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, will you yield?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Senator Beutler, I was gone at your introduction of this bill, so I apologize if I ask some redundant questions. Is this...was this a bill? Did this come through committee anywhere?

SENATOR BEUTLER: No, it was not a bill. It was an amendment in response to the...to the need to monitor streams...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...that came up in this bill. It's an amendment.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: All right, thank you. Well, what I'm concerned about in the first paragraph, that analysis of stream