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SENATOR JONES: Yes, Mr. President, and members of the body, I will stand to support the amendment to the amendment that Senator Schrock has brought up. But I've got real concerns about the whole amendment myself because I think this is a big enough issue that we should have probably had a public hearing on it. I don't think that we've had a public hearing on this particular issue, on the monitoring of the streams, and I realize that the streams are really important in this state but I just don't think that we should be trying to get something amended on dealing with all the streams in the state for every thing because I think there's runoff a lot of other places besides just running in our streams out there that could really affect our environment in this state. So in place of just trying to say that I'll support it without the \$150,000, I'm just not going to support the whole amendment, period. So I think that we should have a public hearing on it first. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jones. We are now debating the Schrock amendment to the Beutler amendment to LB 822. Senator Bohlke, on the Schrock amendment.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Mr. President, members, I hope we can get to this whole issue fairly soon but, Senator Schrock, if I understand, then are you saying we should give the department the money and then tell them they may or may not do it?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Section 5, as it presently reads, mandates that they check all of these items, and when you say change the word "shall" to "may," it gives them some discretion. And there may be some items in there that we don't...they don't think need to be checked for in certain streams, and there may be some items that cost a lot of money. This would give them the discretion to check what they think is important, and I think they can determine that better than we can.

SENATOR BOHLKE: They may be able to determine that better than we can but here we're talking about giving them extra personnel and a significant amount of money and then giving them the