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that's...

SENATOR SCHROCK: Okay.

SENATOR CUDABACK: ...and I hope it stays there, members. I think we all remember the asbestos cleanup and what kind of a situation it got many of us in. And so, if this stays with strictly certification, I think it will be fine. But, as we all know, we, I'll say we can get carried away with these things, and we really can. And we've got to watch it, that we don't in this case. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Schrock would move to amend the committee amendments with AM1799. (Legislative Journal page 2133.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Schrock, you're recognized to open on your amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, as most bills are, when you think you have a clean bill and you bring it to the floor, somebody comes in the last moment and says, let's do something a little different. This amendment was suggested to us as clean-up language by the Health Department, who administers the program. The amendment states that for firm applications that are rejected the department would return all but \$300 of the application fee, and for accreditation of a training program, all but \$100 would be returned to the applicant. The amendment also clarifies that the class of worker and supervisor are the only classes that would require a medical examination as to the capability of carrying a respirator while working in the abatement project. According to the department, these two classes are the only classes that would require this medical examination, and to require it for the other classes would place an unnecessary burden on those applicants. And I think it's important to remember, not only on this amendment but this bill, this bill does not mandate any cleanups, but it does let us access federal funds for the purpose of lead abatement cleanup.