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create something innovative and new relating to those operations that involves an enhancement or improvement or new concept or new way of doing things. So I think, again, all of these changes should be very consistent with Senator Wehrbein's intention, as I understood that intention. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I support Senator Beutler's amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Beutler, you're recognized to close. Senator Beutler waives closing. The question is the adoption of AM2793 to the committee amendments to LB 1348. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Beutler's amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is adopted. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Beutler, AM2791. (Legislative Journal page 1033.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Beutler, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Members of the Legislature, I wasn't sure at the beginning whether this one would be in accordance with Senator Wehrbein's intent, but after listening to his introduction, it also is clearly in line with his intent but, basically, this amendment would limit any one particular project to being funded no more than three years, and this is consistent with the theory that if you have a grant program, then it ought not to become a permanent program of any type. One of two things ought to happen, either the project will be determined to be a lousy project, in which...in which case you wouldn't continue funding it all, or if it appeared to be a kind of economic tool that we would permanently want, then I assume Senator Wehrbein would come in and probably introduce a bill for a permanent program in that...in that particular area. So all this does is limit the projects to three years in accordance