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the state is good in the sense that we have paid considerable attention to our water monitoring systems. The NRDs do an excellent job, and the Department of Water...Department of Environmental Quality, which has the primary responsibility for surface water, also does a good job. But what we've never done is gotten everybody together and asked two sets of questions. First of all, what all are we doing? What are the NRDs doing? What is the Department of Environmental Quality doing? And what are we not doing in our current system? And then asking a second set of questions, what do we need to do and how would we get to the point where, for the first time in our history, we have a system that works all together with no gaps, and which has the flexibility to expand or contract, depending on what the situation is with pollutants and where we may have a problem? And I'm really excited about this project. The people, the agency people are interested in doing it; it has no fiscal note. I had actually had a \$50,000 fiscal note on it to begin with and they said, we want to do this and we can make the resources available to do it. So, it's a matter small in scope in terms of the legislative aspect of it, but important in scope in terms of finally getting a handle on and having identified for us exactly those gaps we need to fill in order to have a very comprehensive and good water monitoring system for the state, for all time forward. So I would ask your favorable vote in adding this matter to the...to the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. You've heard the opening on AM3104 to the committee amendments to LB 1234. Those wishing to speak..Senator Beutler, there are no lights on, do you wish to close? Senator Beutler waives closing. The question before the body is, shall AM3104 be adopted to the committee amendments of LB 1234? All in favor of the question vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted who care to? We're voting on the Beutler amendment, AM3104, to the committee amendments. Have you all voted? Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, I'd ask for a call of the house, and I'll take call-in votes.

SENATOR CUDABACK: There's a request for a call of the house. All in favor of the house going under call vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please, Mr. Clerk.