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years, some of them go nine years, so they can stagger the permits and spread out the workload. But if there is a complaint, you can register a complaint at any time and they will be investigated. And if there is a violation, then it will be taken care of. So I think Senator Synowiecki's concerns are being taken care of, and I don't think this bill changes that. That's already a process that's in place, and this bill does not change that. I would ask you to advance the bill

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. You've heard the closing on advancement of LB 143. The question before the body is, shall LB 143 advance to E & R Initial? All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We're voting on the advancement of LB 143 to E & R Initial. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 32 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 143.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion to advance was successful. Mr. Clerk, next agenda item.

CLERK: LB 164, a bill by Senator Schrock. (Read title.) Introduced on January 10 of this year, at that time referred to Natural Resources, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments, Mr. President. (AM0178, Legislative Journal page 400.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock to open on the advancement of LB 164.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, LB 164 expands the definition of the types of nonpoint source control systems that could receive funding to include projects which establish the use of methods, measures, or practices to control the pollution of surface waters and ground waters that occur as pollutants are transported by water from diffuse or scattered sources. It also increases the size of a municipality eligible for a grant for a financial hardship. Currently, any municipality of 800 inhabitants or less is eligible for funding for these projects. Under the bill, communities with 5,000 or