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question. So for purposes of this morning, I think the point has been made, but this issue isn't going to go away. Three years ago there were promises that this would be worked out, and two years ago, and one year ago, and nothing has happened but another delay. So I think it's something that the Legislature should seriously consider and you should consider which farmers it is that should...that's going to be paying for this ultimately. That is the question. And with that, Mr. Clerk, I'd withdraw the amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn. Thank you, Senator Beutler. We're back to the Natural Resources Committee amendments to LB 619. Open for general discussion. Senator Schrock. Excuse me, your light was on. You turned it off. Anybody else wishing to speak to the committee amendments offered by the Natural Resources Committee? No lights on. Senator Schrock, as Chairman of that committee, you're recognized to close. He waives that opportunity. The question before the body is adoption of the Natural Resources Committee amendments to LB 619. All in favor of the motion vote aye, opposed nay. Voting on the committee amendments to LB 619. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the adoption of committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The committee amendments are adopted. Back to the bill itself to E & R Initial, LB 619. Open for discussion. There are no lights on. Senator Jones, did you wish to close on the advancement of LB 619?

SENATOR JONES: Mr. President, members of the body, I just want to make a couple three comments in closing. I just want to thank you for all the help we had on this and what we've done through so far because this is a really important issue. We're trying to deal with transferring water, and I think that we kind of laid down some groundwork and kind of put everything on the same page that we might be able to work out something. And, actually, LB 123 that we put with my LB 619 was probably the most important, far as transfer, because it just makes it a lot more hoops that they got to go through in order to get a permit