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discussion? Seeing none, Senator Schrock, would you like to close? He waives that opportunity. The question before the body is adoption of the Schrock amendment, AM1038, to LB 619. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Motion before us is the Schrock amendment, AM1038, to LB 619. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

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

SENATOR CUDABACK: The Schrock amendment is adopted. (Visitors introduced.) Mr. Clerk, next item to the bill.

CLERK: Senator Beutler would move to amend, Mr. President. (FA1260, Legislative Journal pages 1157-1158.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, to open on your amendment, FA1260, to LB 619.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, this is a minor amendment that has to do with a couple of process things, technical things, intended to be very friendly amendments to the bill. I think they are all right with Senator Schrock. We've discussed them a little bit. One of the amendments has to do with an amendment that was attached on General File that basically allows the Soil and Water Conservation Fund to be used for a broader variety of purposes. And in describing that broader variety, it said to develop voluntary incentive-based practices. One of the two things my amendment would do would be to strike the word "voluntary" so that it was broader and it could include any incentive-based practice. So that something that may be arguably not voluntary in nature, like the metering of the Republican River area, wouldn't be precluded from receiving funds if they were so allocated by the department. So it makes it more expansive, more flexible. The second thing it does is to work with the part of the bill that deals with the approval of certifications that are required to be forwarded to the department in situations where a dam has been constructed in accordance with plans and drawings, et cetera, approved by the department. And in the current language, it indicates that the owner may go