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could be deafening. If you are exposed to a certain level over a period of time, more hearing damage can result. So we are trying to find a specific level that is reasonable for both the people that live in the area, reasonable for the boaters to be able to maintain, and something specific that can be measured by the proper law enforcement officials, so that they know, all right, is this too loud or is it acceptable? So we have rewritten LB 74 into amendment FA1303 to this bill. I think I have explained it sufficiently. If there are questions, I would be glad to answer them. Otherwise, I would return my time to the Chair. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Hudkins. You've heard the motion to return to Select File for specific amendment. Senators, keep in mind we are on Final Reading now. We were on Select File when we started this bill, but it was readvanced to Final Reading. So we are on Final Reading. Now return it back to Select File for a specific amendment. On that specific amendment offered by Senator Hudkins, Senator Schrock, followed by Senator Mines.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, a little explanation of what's going on here. LB 305 was a bill advanced by the Natural Resources Committee rather early in the session. It has sat on Final Reading for a long time. And since then, a lot of later bills that had to do with Game and Parks have come out, but no way to get them passed. And so...but they're good bills, and this is one of those good bills. The issue of airboats, we've had interim study hearings on airboats, we've had a lot of discussion on airboats, and there are very organized people who have organizations in this state dealing with airboats. Senator Hudkins has a good amendment to this bill, and I would guess that if it passes very few people will be cited for noise infractions of this airboat clause. There's maybe just a few out there that do not care how much noise they make, but the average airboat, the average person running an airboat, is going to have a muffler on it, and it's going to fall within the guidelines. I do not expect Game and Parks to issue a lot of citations for noise problems with airboats. And so this is a good bill. And it does keep the person who wants to go out there and make a lot of noise...I