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CLERK: Mr. President, LB 32, on General File, a bill originally introduced by Senator Schrock. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 9 of 2003, at that time referred to the Natural Resources Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments pending. The bill was discussed on General File on January 26, Mr. President. Senator Schrock asked that the bill be bracketed at that time. Mr. President, I am back to consideration of the committee amendments. (AM0811, Legislative Journal page 897, First Session, 2003.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock, would you like to take a minute or two and review the bill itself?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yes. Mr. President, first of all, we have a new amendment. It was printed in the Journal last Thursday. What I'd like the body to do this morning--and I understand that what I would like the body to do the body doesn't always do--but what I would like the legislative body to do this morning is to vote down the committee amendments. Then I would want the body to adopt amendment LB 2366 (sic), which contains a compromise reached by stakeholders on how to deal with the federal requirements as they apply to storm water. Then I want the body to advance LB 32 as amended. That's not asking too much, is it? I will explain LB 2366 (sic). There were two amendments pending, I did withdraw them, AM1631 and AM2301, I've asked them to be withdrawn. First off, in the new amendment, Section 1 is the harmonizing provisions. Section 2 gives the authority for the cities to form a storm water utility. I would tell you that in 41 states they have already done similar type of legislation, so we're behind the curve here. It authorizes the cities to levy up to 5 cents for developing, establishing, and implementing storm water management programs and projects as required by federal law, and funding capital improvements in the operation and maintenance cost of the programs for retirement of revenue bonds issued for these programs and projects. And a new section, Section 4--this is a new section for the cities--authorizes the cities to issue revenue bonds for storm water programs and projects and to pay for those bonds with a levy of not to exceed 5 cents. Section 5 allows the cities to