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mitigate a situation that they pay no...play not part in, and a situation whose creation is based on the ones creating it benefiting from that problem? When I say benefiting from it, benefiting from the circumstances that lead to this runoff of water.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I don't think we ought to vote down this first division of the committee amendment. It might be one of the best parts of the bill. It might be one of the best approaches that could have been worked out. Here's where I now have to tie it in with the bill that Senator Aguilar had. He told us he had to create an exemption that endangered children in order to get a bill passed. Why should a bill pass that endangers children, and the endangerment is sanctified in statute? Why should a bill pass that eliminates what the first division of this committee amendment would attempt to do? Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Stuthman, on the first part of the divided committee amendments to LB 32.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. In discussion with this storm water bill, I have real concerns dealing with mandates, unfunded mandates. And the issue that I'm going to bring before you is, on the local level, the county level, we always dealt with state mandates to the county. We were forced to do those. We had to pay them. We had to go to the only source that we could get from, and that was property tax. I am just about up to my neck with continuation of added onto the property tax, added onto the property tax, go there for your source of revenue. In my political campaign, a lot of questions were brought up, you know. What are you going to do about taxes? What are you going to do about taxes? Everyone is concerned about taxes. It seems like it's the easiest way to do on the county level and the state level; just tack a little bit onto more where you're getting it. I have a real problem with that. I think any mandate that is forced upon a county or a state should be