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the divided committee amendments.

SENATOR SCHROCK: This is the first part of the divided one. Then I believe this has to do with...help me out here...has to do with surface water, is that correct? I'm without committee...I'm without counsel here, but...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Yes, it does, Senator Schrock. Yes, it does.

SENATOR SCHROCK: I'm without counsel at the present time, but I'm certain counsel will be here soon. If this is surface water transfers, and I'm not sure if it is, it allows the department to issue temporary and permanent permits that can be...either change the purpose for which the water is used, or change from one type of permit to another, for a minimum of 1 year to a maximum of 30 years. In other words, in the past your surface water could not be designated from one use to another, could not go from ag to domestic, or from ag to industrial. But this would allow that to take place for up to 30 years. No permanent transfers are allowed if it involve changes...well, and temporary transfers, retain the same priority dates as the original permit, and revert to the original location in use at the end of the permanent period. Only the historic consumptive use can be transferred or changed to a new use.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Thank you for the review. (Visitors introduced.) Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend this amendment with FA1503. (Legislative Journal page 818.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Chambers, to open on the amendment to the first part of the divided committee amendments, which are...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm going to take us on a leisurely stroll through parts of this bill this afternoon. And my amendments are not going to deal with substantive matters. But I think the changes I'm offering will improve the bill, even if only cosmetically.