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the existing law, and my colleague and I were discussing that matter and she pointed out that we might be getting sloppier now than they were back then. Maybe it's a dead heat. But in either case, when I see existing language in statutes that are before us for the purpose of being amended, or I see proposed new language, and in either or both cases there is something incorrect, inappropriate or awkward, I will try to make a modification to correct or improve that situation. This amendment that I'm offering will do that. In the process of offering these types of amendments, I'm given the opportunity to discuss other matters in this bill, because the amendments are straightforward. However, if anybody has a question on any amendment that I've offered, I'm open to answer that question. If there is a series of questions, the same thing applies. I was looking for another item that I want to ask Senator Schrock about, since he's here, so just bear with me. This is a very lengthy bill. All right, here I am. I would like to ask Senator Schrock a question, if he will turn to page 63 of the committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Schrock, beginning in line 11, we have some intent language, and it says...and I'm putting it in for the record, "The Legislature further recognizes and declares," and I had offered some amendments to this portion but I'll...there's something other than my amendments that I'm looking at. "The Legislature further recognizes and declares that the management, protection, and conservation of ground water and the beneficial use thereof are essential to the economic prosperity and future well-being of the state and that the public interest demands procedures for the implementation of management practices to conserve and protect ground water supplies and to prevent the contamination or inefficient or improper use thereof." The Legislature recognizes the need to provide for orderly management systems in areas where management of ground water is necessary to achieve locally determined ground water management objectives and where available data, evidence, or other information indicates that present or