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go, I don't envision it being used to retire irrigated acres. I would even oppose the \$2.5 million funding if I thought very much of it was going to be used for that purpose. But we need scientific data to find out what's going on out there with our water. We need it desperately and, unfortunately, that was slowed down a little bit, and now we need to get...kick it in gear so we know where we're at. So I hope that's a little explanation of where I visualize this going. Keep in mind I only have two years left here and I don't know what somebody is going to think three years from now. And maybe...and even at that point I may not care, but I think I will. But with that, I hope that is some indication as to where...I hope that's a little explanation of where I need to go. Senator Chambers, I do support your amendment and I hope the body will do that same.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Mr. Clerk. Senator Chambers, did you wish to be recognized?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, working again with the highly competent staff of Senator Schrock, it was shown to me that my amendment should be changed. So I'm withdrawing the one that's there now and substituting a corrected version. That's what I'm requesting at this point. (FA1524, Legislative Journal page 877.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: No objection, so ordered.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And here's what will be done. The reference to the word "determinations" will be stricken from the amendment, and when you get to the last part of the amendment, where it simply says "and any," the word "owner" will be added. And here is why that portion of the amendment is being done. First of all, the part with reference to the determinations is not difficult to understand because that same formulation was retained in the bill yesterday. So this simply corrects my amendment to allow the present language in the committee amendment to stand. When we get to this about the other owners, here is why I'm doing it. In language above that, starting on line 17, it says, "the department shall serve notice of such preliminary determination upon the owner or owners of such appropriation and upon any other person who is an owner of the