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LB 962

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on FA1527 to the first division of the divided committee amendment to LB 962. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I think by this time I've developed or established a level of comfort and trust so I don't have to explain in great detail these amendments, and I am going to present them without a great amount of explanation. But if anybody has a question, I will answer it. This amendment is on page 6, and what it would do is to begin in line 2, after the word "appropriation" I would put a comma. On the same line I would strike "that" and insert "such." The purpose of the comma is to make sure that since the word "of" follows "appropriation" that the reader will not think that you're saying an appropriation of what follows. It's referring to something that preceded it, if that's clear. And if it's not, that's all I'm going to say anyway unless somebody asks me a question. Then in line 4, I would strike the words "for the department to conclude" and substitute the words "to support the conclusion." Then in line 7, I would strike the word "the" and insert "such." On the same line I would strike "agreeing." Here is the way the language would read with reference to these last two recommendations: the owners...the owner or owners filing the notice of contest agree in writing to the cancellation in part and such owner or owners are the only known owners of the appropriation, and so forth. The word "agreeing" is found after the word "owners" in the current recommended language. I would strike the word "agreeing" because it is superfluous in that the only owner or owners that we're discussing here have already agreed to a proposition. So when you refer to those owners again, you don't have to say the owner or owners agreeing, just the owner or owners, and it's clear the ones you're talking about. That is the amendment, and now those that have been waiting to exhale may do so. And I will ask that this amendment be adopted.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You heard the opening on FA1527 which is an amendment to the first division of committee amendments. Open for discussion on that amendment offered by Senator Chambers. Open for discussion. Is there