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SENATOR CHAMBERS: And there's nothing in this bill that federal law requires us to do this session, is there?

SENATOR SCHROCK: We could put it off. We could put it off.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. And I will have other questions, but I won't ask them right now because there wouldn't be time to answer. Members of the Legislature, I always the record to be crystal-clear on what it is we're doing, why we're doing it, and I want to find out what the minimum is that we can do to comply with the federal law, and I also do not want to give too much rule and regulation making authority to the Department of Education...I meant Department of Environmental Quality. I do not trust that department, but there will be an opportunity further in the discussion to go into that. But at this point, I'm just asking questions to try to acquaint myself with what we're doing and why. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. On with discussion. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, obviously this is a bill that we need to do this year or next year, and so, for my part, I'm willing to wade in and try to get it done. There are really, I think, two bills that are particularly important. One is LB 962, the water bill, and this one, ultimately important anyway, whether we do them this year or not. Curiously, LB 962, which is a hundred and some pages, is an enormously complex bill that doesn't allow the agency to do very much at all, and puts almost everything, to the smallest detail, into statute. Right, Senator Schrock?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock.

SENATOR BEUTLER: He nods his head, right. This bill, by contrast, puts almost nothing in statute and gives all control to DEQ through rule and reg. And we each ought to speculate and contemplate a little bit why we take such two radically different approaches, in the one case to the regulation of water, in the other case to the regulation of livestock. And