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fees for different uses, and then when you come up with a deal that you have to have 30 percent of what it costs the year before, we get into one of these deals where the amount of expense will always raise to meet the amount of revenue coming in. And I think this is kind of a moving target that we'll be trying to go, when you put a percentage or put numbers in there like that. The bill is set up for a certain fee and that is probably well enough for the time being. If it isn't paying out or if it's costing too much, time will tell and it...can be some changes made if they need to be. But I don't think we need to put a percentage in there because, as time goes on, the expenses will keep raising more all the time. So whatever revenue we put there, somebody will find a way to have the expenses to take care of the revenue, so I think it would be a never ending process. I think there's better ways of doing this than putting a percentage type deal on like we got going. The next thing on that is I don't see where we need to worry any more than this fee that's going on now, to keep in with the federal guidelines. If we get too much of a cost in there, we're going to be hurting an industry that's very valuable to the country. There's the DEQ and some of these agencies already able to control what goes into that wastewater. When you start being concerned about what's going into these rivers and streams, what are you going to do about this fellow that's got these thousands of heads of buffalo, when you put 5,000 head of buffalo in the headwaters of the Loup River? Now you guys are going to drink that water sometime as it comes down the Loup River, so whenever you take a glass of water remember there's probably 10,000 buffalo upriver from where you pulled your water out. So I guess I want to ask you where are you going to draw the line out about cleaning your water up and what you're going to do? I think if you leave it up to the DEQ, why, we'd probably be better off than to start trying to micromanage the thing from the Legislature again. So I really do oppose this amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Loudon. Senator Kremer, followed by Senator Beutler.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members of the body. I guess I've been sitting here listening this morning and thinking that maybe it's time we...somebody from the country and