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SENATOR CUDABACK:      Senator Schrock, to open on the fifth division, FA1507.

SENATOR SCHROCK:      Mr. President, members of the Legislature, a brief clarification here.      The Water Task Force was never sunsetted, but there was...there are some questions as to what the duties of the task force would continue to be.      This would allow the task force to meet at least twice a year, and allows the Governor to make appointments when there is a...when a current member is no longer able to serve.      So when there's vacancies, the Governor can replace that person.      And it would allow the task force to meet at least twice a year and make...and discuss water issues, make recommendations, should it be necessary.      So I'd ask your consideration on the floor amendment, FA1507.

SENATOR CUDABACK:      Thank you, Senator Schrock.      You've heard the opening on FA1507, the fifth division of the divided committee amendments.      Open for discussion.      Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK:      Yes.      Thank you, Mr. President and members.      And Senator Erdman, don't go yet, because I'm going to ask Senator Schrock if this Water Task Force goes in perpetuity, or does it have a sunset clause on it eventually?

SENATOR CUDABACK:      Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK:      Senator Schimek, it does not have a sunset clause.      I guess I would be willing to accept something like that.      I would want it quite a ways down the road, because I think water issues are going to be in front of us for a long time.

SENATOR SCHIMEK:      And I don't disagree with that, Senator, and I'm not trying to suggest that we absolutely need it.      But I'm...I guess I'm going to be up on every bill that I can think of that has a task force or commission or a board that doesn't have a sunset clause, and say, why not?      Shouldn't they have to come back in and justify their existence, like the Women's Health Initiative has had to do now on two occasions?      So I'm just bringing it to the body's attention.      Thank you.