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SENATOR CUDABACK: FA1511 has been adopted. Mr. Clerk, tenth component.

CLERK: Mr. President, FA1512 involves Sections 49 and 50 and 51 through 56, 75, 79, 80, 91. It's characterized as the proactive approach component. (Legislative Journal page 1097.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock, to open on FA1512.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, FA1512 I would call the heart and soul of the bill. It is the proactive approach. It requires the Department of Natural Resources Districts to make an annual assessment of the basins in the state and determine whether they are fully appropriated, over-appropriated; or the other situation would be, if they're neither one of those, then certainly irrigation can be expanded. Certainly, a lot of the NRD areas, basins in the western part of the state, are either fully or over-appropriated. And when that is determined, then the NRDs, in conjunction with the Department of Natural Resources, will have to make adjustments to correct some of those problems, if they're over-appropriated. I would ask for your consideration on FA1512.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. You've heard the opening on FA1512. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Erdman had AM2850. But Senator, I have a note that you would like to withdraw that amendment at this time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Is that correct, Senator Erdman?

SENATOR ERDMAN: Yes, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you. It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have nothing further pending to committee component FA1512.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Open for discussion on FA1512. There are no lights on, Senator Schrock. You're recognized to close on