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board that the agricultural use was predominant and they hadn't resolved the concerns of the city of Sidney, which was having difficulty with its domestic water supply. And I'm glad that this has been done. Thanks, Senator Erdman, for having incorporated that into this and hopefully it will resolve the problems that they have had in Sidney. So thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Don Pederson. Senator Erdman.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, the provisions that I had offered previously in, I believe it was, AM2850 are in the provision that Senator Schrock is offering, and I would like to speak to that. Senator Pederson has already asked some of the questions that I think are appropriate. The situation in Sidney is something that a lot of you have received letters on. I'm sure all of you have. The last information that I have received just this week is the NRD and the city of Sidney have resolved their differences. They've agreed on some provisions to go forward as far as what permits to receive in order for the city of Sidney to secure the water supply necessary for their citizens and meeting, obviously, the needs of their citizens, but also to comply with the different EPA and Department...or Department of Health and Human Services stipulations. So that is the encouraging part of this progression. That has been done to this point, and so that is encouraging. The provisions that are before you in this amendment, the last part of Senator Schrock's amendment, the last couple paragraphs deal with some of the discussions that we've had with the city of Sidney and with the members of the Water Policy Task Force, as well as Senator Schrock and others, as far as how do we ensure that the flexibility that is sought to be provided to those communities, who are in a situation similar to what Sidney have, have every opportunity under the law to meet the needs of their citizens. And so as you look at the amendment here, there are provisions as far as what controls the NRD may adopt and that those controls would have to be consistent with existing laws as far as preferences. There's also some language in there that clarifies how a city would go about receiving the opportunity to transfer water. As long as they have the opportunity...or as long as they've gone through