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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, you're recognized to open on AM2955 to LB 962.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Clerk, members of the Legislature, the three amendments that I've withdrawn, or two that I've withdrawn and this one I will deal with similarly, all had to do with funding aspects of the bill and there are a great many of us that are concerned in one way or another with the funding aspects. But I reached an agreement that I'm going to stick with, with Senator Schrock, with regard to this, and hopefully he was speaking for those who are proponents of this bill; a means of going forward through this year, not spending a lot of General Funds but spending some General Funds, using Environmental Trust monies but not violating the process of the Environmental Trust. That seemed to be an agreeable solution until we have a year's experience with all of this and can see whether the money is being appropriately used, to see whether we want to go forward with this with larger sums of money and, if so, where that money would come from. We'll know a lot in one year's time about how this bill is going to play out. So for myself, I'm going to stick to the agreement. I think we've got a way of moving forward on this bill and I hope it plays out that way. So with that, Mr. Clerk, I would withdraw the amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn. Thank you, Senator Beutler.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have, Senator Schrock, AM2984, but again I have a note, Senator, you want to withdraw.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: I have nothing further pending to the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Open for discussion on advancement of the bill to E & R Initial. Open for discussion. There are no lights on. Senator Schrock, you're recognized to close on advancement of LB 962.