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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you. Next agenda item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 962A is a bill by Senator Schrock. (Read title.) I do have amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock, you're recognized to open on LB 962A. Senator Schrock or Senator Wehrbein, did you wish to open on it?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I just wanted to say I'll withdraw my amendment and refile on Select when it's appropriate.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock, did you have any other comments? You didn't want to open on the bill?

SENATOR SCHROCK: To advance LB 962A, I'd appreciate your vote on this issue.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Open for discussion. Mr. Clerk, do you have an amendment to it?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to amend, AM3204. (Legislative Journal pages 1107-1108.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, you're next to open on your amendment to LB 962A?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, this is moving forward with the understanding reached with Senator Schrock. What it does, essentially, is this. Under the A bill right now, there is \$2.5 million of General Funds provided in the fiscal year beginning in July of this year. And then there is \$4.5 million of General Funds provided in the following year. What this amendment does is to change the \$2.5 million General Funds in the first year to \$1.5 million General Funds, and in the second year eliminate the General Funds altogether. The objective here, I think on both sides, is there are three or four different things going on. First of