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you're actually going to approve in the future in General Funds. I mean you're not going to approve \$7 million of General Funds for this purpose, and that's what's in the A bill right now. So the adoption of the amendment doesn't take away any discussion from you, but it signals to the public out there that in an atmosphere where we have very little money we're not voting...advancing bills with \$7 million worth of new spending in them. So I think that the amendment does nothing but good at this point, and it doesn't negate the discussion on Select File. So, Senator Jones, thank you, and I think if we could adopt this, the bill could move on quickly here, so I'm not going to speak any longer. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler and Senator Jones. Discussion on the motion to reconsider, Senator Raikes, your light was on earlier.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I'm just going to mention that, to underscore what Senator Wehrbein and Senator Chambers said, we need a vehicle on Select File to go along with this. So even though I voted against the Beutler amendment, I plan...I had planned and continue to plan to vote for the A bill for that reason. My vote against the Beutler amendment was to make it clear that I don't think that General Fund money can be used for this purpose. I think it needs to be Environmental Trust money. So, for me, I don't need the reconsideration. I will vote for LB 962A because I think we need the vehicle. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Raikes. Senator Schrock, on the motion to reconsider.

SENATOR SCHROCK: I'll support the reconsideration vote and ask the body to do so, understanding there is going to be a full discussion on Select File. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. There are no further lights on. Senator Jones, you may close on the motion to reconsider, if you care to.

SENATOR JONES: Thank you, Mr. President. Yes, I would like to