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please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK:      39 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Landis' amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The amendment has been adopted.

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

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Mossey, for a motion.

SENATOR MOSSEY: Mr. President, I move the advancement of LB 1017 to E & R for engrossing.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Open for discussion. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Landis, if I could carry on a dialogue with you just a little bit more, I'd appreciate it.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Landis, would you yield?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Going back again to the question of the auditors and how they...these new auditors that are hired with the money that comes in, when it gets down to year '05 and '06, 20 percent of the funds go into this enforcement fund for auditors. And it's 20 percent of the funds due to the efforts of auditors and investigators hired pursuant to subdivision (5)(b) of this section. Now...so in calculating the return from the auditors, you would be using the same group of auditors? I mean, there are going to be some...there are some auditors that are there already that are doing the same kind of work, and then there are the new auditors. But it has to be explicitly those auditors that are hired with the money that comes in from the first year of amnesty. Is that correct?

SENATOR LANDIS: That's right. This is, to me, a way of expanding our tax compliance program without using General Fund dollars. We start with tax amnesty money, and after that it is the work of those auditors in expanded tax compliance that pays for itself.