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it, because I think the specific controls. But if it's troubling, in fact I think with slight adjustment we would be able to get on one side of the fence or the other. The side of the fence that I have come to agree with is Senator Preister's side of the fence, and that is, we don't want the state to be a holder of one of these covenants and therefore liable. That's what I think the bill says. That's what the bill undoes. And to the extent that we want to get on one side of the fence or not, I'm with Senator Preister and the Natural Resources Committee. I oppose this amendment. But I would hold out to you the prospect of making adjustments so that the language said one and only one thing, without implication. I would give Senator Beutler the rest of my time, because I think he's developing a theme, and I need to hear the rest of it.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thank you, Senator Landis. I'm not sure if I'm developing a theme. I am sure of this--my hide has grown very tough over the years, and I can sit on the fence for quite a while, until I understand something. And the reason I can't come down on one side of the fence or the other is because I think I need to understand at least how...the intent of...that you have expressed, how that plays out in the rest of the bill. All right. Let's make your assumption. Let's say that on that last line on page 2, the right of the agency, under an environmental covenant...and since they can't be a holder, it would be, is not an interest in real property. So let's say that the environmental covenant transfers to a new owner. And let's say that the agency, DEQ, the one who's going to represent the public in this whole transaction, let's say that they had required certain things, and those things were not done, and it transferred to a new owner. They don't have an interest in the property, under this provision. Do they still, under the law, Senator, have the right to enforce this, not only against the person who transferred it, but do they have a right to enforce it vis-a-vis the new owner of the property? I'd yield my time to Senator Landis. Or if I'm on his time, I yield it back.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Landis. About one minute, Senator Landis.