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FLOOR DEBATE

March 10, 2005 LB 217

CLERK: 38 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Flood's amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The amendment has been adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Flood has AM0605 pending.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Flood.

SENATOR FLOOD: I guess in closing on...oh, AM0605.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You're opening on AM0605.

SENATOR FLOOD: I'd like to withdraw AM0605. I'm sorry.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn.

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

SENATOR CUDABACK: Back to discussion now of LB 217. Open for discussion. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, I think it's been a very good discussion this morning on a number of issues, although other issues were not discussed and some were not probably discussed in the depth that they should have been. But there will be another round of debate. Senator Flood has done a great job, so hopefully we can move this bill on. I'm hoping that members of the Legislature will talk to their NRDs. I hope they'll talk to them about participating in this bill and whether it makes sense or doesn't. I hope they'll talk about the storm water provision because, again, I would suggest to you that there is no valid reason for excluding storm water as an improvement that might not be the subject of a an advantageous joint effort by, for example, an NRD and a city. I know projects here in our own city where this would be useful. I can't imagine that there wouldn't be a whole large number of projects elsewhere that...where this might not be useful. And then, I hope that folks from some of the bigger areas will think about whether the \$5 million cap, which applies alike to Omaha and to a city of 1,000; a \$5 million cap doesn't mean the same