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March 11, 2005 LB 298, 335, 619

Beutler amendment, AM0776, who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Beutler's amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The Beutler amendment has been adopted.

CLERK: Senator Flood, I have no further amendments on the bill, Senator.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Flood, for a motion, please.

SENATOR FLOOD: Mr. President, I move the advancement of LB 298 to E & R for engrossing.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the motion to advance LB 298 to E & R for engrossing. All in favor say aye. Opposed, nay. It is advanced. Mr. Clerk, LB 335.

CLERK: Senator, no E & Rs. Senator Schrock would move to amend with AM0780. (Legislative Journal page 817.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock, to open on your amendment.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, the amendment you have in front of you is amending LB 619 into the bill. It is the dam safety bill. Now that's spelled d-a-m, so I want to be clear on that. And this bill is to establish a statutory, codified structure for the Department of Natural Resources dam safety program. Many aspects of the department's current program cannot be traced to any specific statutory authority and are only established through the policy of the department. One of the major recommendations of a peer review of the program was to adopt a more comprehensive statutory scheme based on the Model Dam Safety Act developed by the American Society of Dam Safety Officials. There is no intent to expand the existing program or change the policy of the department concerning the program. LB 619 removes the current vagueness of the policy authority and creates a statutory framework for the program as it existed in the past. LB 619 is necessary to ensure continued federal