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CLERK: 36 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of committee amendments.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: AM0134 is adopted. We will now move back to LB 234 for discussion from the floor. Senator Beutler, you're recognized.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature. Senator Connealy, this is a bad, bad, bad bill. And the reason is because it deals with storm water. And you know, from our discussion on Senator Flood's bill, that storm water is a bad thing. And I'm wondering, are you encouraging people to develop storm water infrastructure ahead of development out there beyond the city limits of these cities of the first class? Is that the bad thing you're up to?

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Senator Connealy, would you yield?

SENATOR CONNEALY: Yes, I would. I believe that we ought to grow our cities in a way that fits the needs. And storm water is part of that. So, yes, I am encouraging storm water development in the zoning jurisdiction.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, isn't this going to encourage cooperation between Norfolk and these other cities and their NRDs and their counties? I mean, this is...this couldn't be good, could it?

SENATOR CONNEALY: Yes, I think it will be good.

SENATOR BEUTLER: You think it will be good. Oh. Well, doesn't it relate to that bill in the Natural Resources Committee that talks about storm water and does these bad things with respect to storm water development?

SENATOR CONNEALY: As far as it relates to building the infrastructure, it does. It doesn't allow any more taxing authority or allow the addition of taxing to this new area. But as it does to the development of storm water treatment, I think that that's how they're tied together, yes.