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FLOOR DEBATE

March 29, 2005      LB 217

CLERK:      31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Flood's amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Flood's amendment has been adopted. Mr. Clerk, next amendment, please.

CLERK:      Next amendment, Mr. President, Senator Beutler, AM0962. (Legislative Journal page 1012.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, to open on AM0962 to LB 217.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, this amendment would simply add back into the bill the ability to bond storm water drainage projects. And you may recall that there was some confusion as to whether those people who were opposing a bill in Natural Resources opposed having storm water drainage in this bill. And we had a meeting on that and that's clear to everybody. They do not oppose it. They understand that this would be paid with property taxes, not with individual fees. So I think that's been cleared up, and there's no logical reason then why storm water, which is always one of the major infrastructure items of political subdivisions, why they should not be included in this bill. And I would recommend that they be included. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Are you through opening, Senator Beutler?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I am finished.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Open for discussion, Senator Flood.

SENATOR FLOOD: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I will tell you that Senator Beutler and I worked with the lobby very carefully and with the members of the body to talk about storm water. This does not have anything to do with the storm water issues that are in a different bill that we discussed on General File. This is a project that communities work on regardless of the political environment, and I support his amendment.