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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay.

SENATOR SCHROCK: ...there's something needs to be done, we'll work with you or DEQ and get it done right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, you always have. That's why I'm not concerned about letting this bill move.

SENATOR SCHROCK: All right.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator Schrock.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Further discussion on AM2002? Seeing none, Senator Schrock, you're recognized to close. Senator Schrock waives closing. The question before the body is, shall AM2002 be adopted? All those in favor vote yea; opposed, nay. Have all voted who wish? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 35 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: AM2002 is adopted. We'll move back to further discussion on the original bill, LB 975. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, I'm in favor of this bill and I commend Senator Schrock for seemingly getting more groups together than have ever cooperated in the past. I do want to note some of the existing language on page 15. It notes there that existing cattlemen, plus all of those that are defined by the new language, shall pay a per-head annual fee based on the permitted capacity identified in the permit. And I just wanted to bring to your attention that the idea of a regulatory fee, not only do we apply it widely and, in many cases, for 100 percent of the cost of the regulation, but even within agriculture the cattlemen are paying a part of the costs of regulation. It varies between 15 and 30 percent, depending on what's happening