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salaries for the constitutional officers. The amount was settled on by way of a Government Committee amendment. So I'm asking that you advance this bill. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You've heard the opening. Open for discussion. No discussion. Senator Chambers, you're recognized to close if you care to. Senator Chambers waives closing. The question before the body is, shall LB 817A advance to E & R Initial? All in favor vote aye; opposed vote nay. The question before the body is LB 817A. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 817A.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 817A does advance. Next agenda item is Final Reading. Members, please take your seats. (Visitors and doctor of the day introduced.) We are on Final Reading. Mr. Clerk, LB 32.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to return LB 32 to Select File for a specific amendment, that being to strike the enacting clause. (FA614, Legislative Journal page 1078.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, to open on your motion.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, I would beg your indulgence just for a couple of minutes so I can give you a little short update on water. I had intended to bring this up yesterday on LB 1060 when Senator Langemeier brought up the matter of water and was on page 94 of LB 1060, which is the budget bill. But at that point in time, I think you were too tired to listen and I was too tired to speak clearly. So I wanted to use this occasion, not to do any damage to LB 32, but to simply mention to you what it was with respect to Senator Langemeier's request that piqued my attention. As I indicated, on page 94 of the budget bill is where his suggestion for an increase in the cap on the water fund appeared. Right below that is the appropriation for Agency 29, the Department of Natural Resources. And in '05-06, you probably don't remember