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LB 1226

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kopplin. Senator Langemeier, you may either...there are no lights on. You may speak or you may close.

SENATOR LANGEMEIER: I think I'll close. Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. We've had some great discussion here today about this amendment. I think some valid issues have been raised on both sides. And the intent, for me, to have put it out there was, is not to demonstrate that we all don't love water. I think if anybody has met me, water is my life. It's the thing I have the most interest in, and will always have the most interest in for the remaining years that I serve in this body. But I think this amendment states to this program that we are going to fund it for two years, and in the third year, if this problem persists...we don't know whether this \$10 million are going to solve some of these issues in two years. Maybe we're going to need \$20 million. Maybe we're going to need \$500,000. And I think at that time, we'll come back with legislation to send through Appropriations as bill form, that may have to repeal this to provide for more funding for water. I don't think this is a statement that anybody in this body is against water. I think it's a fiscal responsibility that says, we're going to fund this program for two years, but we're going to keep the program around. I could have drawn the amendment up to kill the program. I don't think we need to kill the program, but I think we need to state our intentions to where our current funding is going to be and where it's going to go in the future. And with that, I ask for your support. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Langemeier. You've heard the closing on AM3078. The question before the body is, shall that amendment be adopted to LB 1226? All in favor vote aye; opposed, nay. The question before the body is the Langemeier amendment, AM3078. We're voting on adoption of the Langemeier amendment. Have you all voted who care to? Have you all voted on the question who care to? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 12 ayes, 16 nays, Mr. President, on the amendment.