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SENATOR BEUTLER: ...would be a good thing. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion. Senator Hudkins.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. I would like to ask Senator Beutler a few questions, if I may.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR HUDKINS: Senator Beutler, how does this amendment, AM3095, differ from AM2683, which you also had?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Which I had on the last round of debate? Senator, it doesn't differ from it. It's the same one. It's the one where there were 15 votes for it and 10 against it and everybody else was uneasy and didn't vote on it.

SENATOR HUDKINS: All right. According to our computer, then, that amendment lost. Why should we vote on it again?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, Senator, there's new information. That's what I indicated earlier, that I didn't intend to offer this again, but it's a positive tool for the rural interests. That's why...there's no hidden agenda, there's no secret here. I'm trying to do this because I think it works for the rural interests to do this. But I brought it up, to answer your question, because of this article in the paper that indicated, instead of being 60,000 acre-feet short, we are now, after the third year of calculations, 100,000 acre-feet short. And that's really significant.

SENATOR HUDKINS: All right. Thank you, Mr. President, but I will not be voting for this. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock, followed by Senator Fischer.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler has a good idea. The problem is, there's money involved. And I was going