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March 11, 2004 LB 832, 939

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion before the body is to advance LB 939 to E & R Initial. All in favor of the motion vote aye, opposed nay. We are voting on the motion to advance LB 939. Have you all voted who care to? Have you all voted? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 939 does advance. Next bill before the body is LB 832. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: LB 832 was offered by Senator Schrock. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 7, referred to the Natural Resources Committee. That committee reports the bill to General File with no committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock, to open on advancement of LB 832.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, the purpose of this bill is to make changes to the Environmental Trust Act that were recommended by the Attorney General's Office, as well as the accountant for the Environmental Trust. These recommendations were presented at a public hearing during an interim study hearing. The bill would allow the board to meet by teleconferencing as necessary, although my amendment would change that, and would allow the board to contract to both receive and provide technical assistance and services for the governmental agencies and private agencies. A change in the wording to clarify that it is "categories" that are used instead of priorities. It also allows the board to establish an appropriate rating system for each category, and to establish priorities within each category. It also makes it clear the the board is operating on a fiscal calendar year in making annual allocations. That concludes my opening.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. You've heard the opening on LB 832. Mr. Clerk.