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that they have public hearings on. But anyway, I do rise to oppose this amendment, and I hope that you will support those of us who oppose the amendment.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** Senator Preister.

**SENATOR PREISTER:** Thank you, Honorable President, friends all. It probably will come as no surprise that I support Senator Bohlke's amendment. It's more restrictive than mine was, and for those people who were unwilling to have an additional public hearing in the local area where there's currently zoning, where they might have a county board hearing, this at least would allow in those limited counties where there is no zoning and there is no hearing that's going to be held by the county commissioners, there at least would be some opportunity for the public to have some input. I don't exactly know where all of this emotional and lacking in statistics or facts kind of approach keeps coming up. But I gave one handout that talks about, I don't like green eggs and ham. In there, it talks about Pfiesteria. And Pfiesteria is not something that is an emotion. It is something that creates very serious health problems. Certainly, people can get emotional about that, and they have a right to do that, but when fish are killed by this, which seems to thrive in the hog waste, that's a very serious concern. Even breathing the air from the fissures on the fish, people have been known to die. That's very serious. It's understandable that people in the rural areas would like to have some say in what goes on in their community that can have an effect on their health and well-being. Is that emotional? Well, certainly, they can get emotional about it. But is it factual that Pfiesteria exists? I would submit to you that it is. Is it factual that it is very detrimental and it's on the rise? I think that that can be, certainly, a fact. I would also call to your attention a handout that I gave out a couple of days earlier that talked about North Carolina again. And North Carolina is a good example, because they have seen these huge hog confinements as good economic development at first. They no longer see it that way. They're in a process now of phasing out the lagoons. In ten years, they're hoping to have rid the state of these cesspools. Many people there wish that they didn't have them at all, but they have them at this point. But there's been some research...again, good, solid data...in