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and I would bring to your attention is the fact that Senator Beutler brought up the issue about the livestock facilities out there who have not requested an inspection. If you are not...if you are not an exempt livestock operation and have not requested an inspection and January 1, 2000, comes around, then you are subject to a fee or a fine for a violation of up to \$500 a month, but not less than \$50 per month. I think there's enough information out there that these livestock facilities should come forward and should ask for the inspection. Keep in mind, if you are exempt, and if you're under 300 animal units you will be exempt, you will not be required to ask for a permit or an inspection, and you will not be subject to this fine or fee that would result in a violation of the livestock waste management regulations that we have in the state. So this has been agreed upon, so I thank Senator Beutler for his cooperation on this issue. And the fees for a violation of not requesting a permit or inspection is probably the major change here. And I would submit to you that after all the publicity we've had in this state with LB 1209 and now with LB 870 that if you're operating a livestock facility out there of more than 300 animal units, you should be aware of the law. There's been enough information, and you should come forward to DEQ and ask for an inspection. With that, I will close and give back my time to the Chair.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have to confess that I'm sitting here trying to absorb this amendment. And I certainly respect the work of the people that have been involved in working on this, but I...but I'm having trouble understanding the full impact of the amendment. And I think the amendment must have just been filed today, because I certainly didn't see it yesterday, or notice it. I'm not sure, but it must have been...well, it says on the amendment it was drafted today, so it must have been filed today. There's a considerable amount of language that the committee agonized over and worked on that's being stricken out of the bill. And, Senator Schrock, would you yield to some questions, please?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Schrock?