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LB 754

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to reconsider Senator Beutler's FA1345.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Okay. Further discussion on the motion to reconsider by Senator Chambers the vote on FA1345. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to withdraw that motion.

SENATOR CUDABACK: No objection to withdraw the motion to reconsider. So ordered. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend with FA1346. (Legislative Journal page 1593.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on FA1346 to LB 754.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, for the time being, I have left my combat mode and am in my stabilization reconstruction mode, to borrow the language of the day. This is an amendment that would be in the nature of a disclaimer. If you turn to page 2, after line 10, in the committee amendment, or the E & R amendments, I would add a new subsection. And this subsection would come after the portion of the law or the proposed law that's dealing with designating a county a "livestock friendly county." This is the language I would insert. "The designation of any county or counties as a livestock friendly county shall not be an indication nor shall it suggest that any county that does not seek or obtain such a designation is not friendly to livestock production." This is like a disclaimer. From the very beginning, I felt it was a bad policy to set up a procedure whereby the state would affirmatively designate any county as a livestock friendly county because the implication is that anyone not receiving that designation is not friendly to livestock production. There are some counties who may not want to seek that designation for whatever reasons. Perhaps the criteria which will be adopted by the Department of Agriculture will not meet with their approval, the specific county, that is, which would not seek that designation. So the purpose of this