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SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members. Senator Beutler, could I ask you a question, please?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Beutler, would you respond?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: This sec...or this amendment number two, "expansion to existing", what are you trying to get at with this amendment?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, from my reading of the bill, and I'm open to some other interpretation, if it seems logical to people, but from the way the bill is structured, it seems to me that under...on lines 22 there, through 24, you're wanting to exempt out, from the general provisions of the bill, new livestock waste facilities that are in process already; so that they would be treated like existing facilities. And that's sensible to me. You're protecting the ones that are in process, where it's complete by January 1 of 1999. So what I'm adding to that is that that phrase refers to new applications that are in process. It seemed to me at least logical, and since we don't know what's out there, that you would also want to include expansions to existing facilities that are in process, and protect them as part of the base. I mean what I'm doing is really in the interest of cattlemen, to the extent that the interests of cattlemen are perceived as having the broadest definition of protected existing facilities. Because when you turn over and look at the next part of the bill, where it talks about expansion of facilities, at the very top of the...of the backside of the committee amendments, it's what I call lines 1 and 2, of page 3 of the committee amendments, Senator.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Um-huh.

SENATOR BEUTLER: It says, "the expansion of facilities in existence on January 1, 1999". So is an application that is for an expansion in existence on January 1, 1999? I would argue, without my language, it is not.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: I see where you're coming from. I was...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.