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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you. Senator Bohlke. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Senator Beutler, if I could ask you a question.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Would you yield, Senator?

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: If I have an operation out there, and I want to expand on July 1, 1999, would this amendment affect that, since it hadn't been filed by January 1, 1999?

SENATOR BEUTLER: No, it would not.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: I could do it yet this summer?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Ah...

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Or does this affect anything...?

SENATOR BEUTLER: No, this...

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: ...or does that...?

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...that...this particular part of the amendment wouldn't affect that option, Senator, in the sense that the new facilities that are allowed, under lines 22 to 24, under page 2, which is what we're talking about here.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Um-huh, right.

SENATOR BEUTLER: In order to be protected, so to speak, or in order to be at a starting point, in order to be included as existing, they would have to be...have the application deemed complete by January 1, 1999. So it gives you...that's the definition the committee worked out.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: So you're saying if I have...? But that was just new, but you're adding existing here now. So what you're saying is, if I'm an existing facility out there and I want to expand from whatever amount I have to maybe add one more...1,000 head or maybe 2,000 head more cattle, I'd had to