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SENATOR BOHLKE: ...in the different classifications would do both, allow for some reasonable expansion and, at the same time, offer the protection that we were seeking. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. For discussion on the Beutler amendment, Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, I rise to oppose this amendment and the reason I do is because we went to great lengths to talk to people in the Scotts Bluff, Morrill and Sioux County area where there are current cattle livestock operating facilities. Senator Beutler, we only know of one class II hog facility in these watersheds. And if you're going to limit a cattle producer to the amount of expansion that they can have in the future, you may hurt the value of that feedlot, if that feedlot should come upon the market. Now let's deal with the reality. Reality says that cattle facilities are not expanding; they're just staying current. We don't know of any cattle facilities in the state that are doing great expansions at this time, and I don't think they will. They've been here, they've been established. They're probably just going to continue operating the way they have been, but there may come a time when they want to expand. And a 4,000 animal unit expansion on a small unit is probably acceptable. If a large unit would want to expand, and we did put limits on them, don't think we didn't, then it might become very detrimental to the value of that livestock facility. So what will happen here, we...let's face it, we...we have introduced legislation and advanced it to the floor that addresses concerns on water quality and the issue that most people were concerned about was hogs and we got cattle wrapped up in this, and I think the limits that we have proposed in LB 822 are sufficient. I don't think you're going to see a lot of expansion in those areas, and I think it's appropriate to grandfather the areas in that we have done. Now, I can tell you, in talking to the NRD manager out there in that area, he said that, yes, we have trout living in streams along side these cattle operations. It's already taking place. And keep in mind, with the exception of that area around Scottsbluff, we don't have any large animal livestock facilities. And those class A cold water streams came about as a result of the irrigation districts. They weren't there a hundred years ago.