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SENATOR SCHROCK: We only know of one hog facility that's a class II in any of these areas of the state, and so I don't think we should be shooting at a target that isn't there, and I think that's maybe what we're trying to do. And so that would be my response and that would be why I would hope that you would agree to stick with the...with the amended version of LB 822 that the Natural Resources Committee agreed to. And we spent a considerable amount of time reaching this agreement.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, let me...let me just go back a little bit and ask you just kind of some general questions about how this bill came about and, again, don't mistake my questions. I'm supportive of the bill. I hope it proceeds. But why was this bill necessary in the first place?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator, I was receiving considerable amount of letters and correspondence, and I think other members of the Legislature will also say that, concerns about a hog facility being operated or being proposed in the Long Pine area, and it just seemed to me that there are appropriate places to...for new operations in this state and there are inappropriate places for new operations in this state. If you look at that map, I would guess it represents less than 2 percent of the area of the state. It doesn't seem appropriate for new large livestock feeding facilities to be in the areas of the state where we have these pristine streams. And, of course, we ran into...

SENATOR BEUTLER: The...

SENATOR SCHROCK: ...an exception. It was already taking place in the Scottsbluff area, and that's the reason for a lot of these amendments. We tried to accommodate the existing facilities. There are plenty of places in this state where you can build large livestock facilities. Now there are people in those areas that will object to it, of course. We found that out. We all know that. But it just seemed like if you were going to expand or build a new facility there were places in this state that were inappropriate, and we thought the class A cold water stream was a good place to start. Is it a perfect bill? No.

SENATOR BEUTLER: In terms of philosophies, Senator, you know,