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it's the policy of the state already acted...enacted into rule and regulation that with regard to those streams that they call class A streams, whether they're cold water or not, affecting a broad range of waters across the state, it's that we will not allow...the policy is that we will not allow the water quality in these streams to degrade. And that applies much more generally than to cold water, class A trout streams, but the original point and starting point that I wanted to get back to was just the whole idea of these large confinement operations or large concentrated animal feeding operations. Last year, in the discussion on 1209, and continually throughout the process, the operators of these large operations have continued to say, the large concentration, nature of the operations are such that they can be done without degrading water quality. And then, though, when you do a bill like this, is it not like an admission that that's not true? Because, if it's true, why do we need this bill?

SENATOR SCHROCK: You...if I may respond?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Sure.

SENATOR SCHROCK: You make a good point, Senator Beutler. In all probability, livestock operations could be operated in these cold water class A type stream areas. And, matter of fact, the Scottsbluff area is living proof that you can operate them in those areas of the state.

SENATOR SCHIMEK PRESIDING

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHROCK: But we just felt like it was inappropriate for new facilities to be located in these areas of the states (sic)...of the state, and that's the reason for the bill and it's just as simple as that. Could they locate a large facility in the Long Pine area and have it safe? Probably. Would it be a nuisance to people from an odor standpoint? I think it would be. It just seems inappropriate to put new facilities there when the other 98 percent of the state is available for that type of...for that type of activity, and that's the reason for the bill. It's plain and simple.