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not allow new facilities over 300 animal units to locate in those areas of the state's. There is a map underneath the north balcony which outlines the areas of the state that's covered. And, of course, we have a problem area in the state because there's a lot of livestock feeding activities in the Scottsbluff area, and that is the reason for the amendments, allowing the existing facilities their expansion rates, and limiting them to certain sizes, and that is the big concern that we have had. It is a bill that is endorsed by a lot of people. Senator Bohlke chose it as her priority bill. It is a committee bill, and it's had a lot of input from people across the state. And certainly I'd have to give Dave Sands, from the Audubon Society, credit for the concept of the bill, and I not only give him credit, I thank him for that concept. And so I think we have a good bill. Senator Beutler has offered some amendments and we have adopted a couple of those, and he still has some pending. And we will take those one at a time and hopefully we can accommodate some of his concerns and still keep the cattle producers that are affected by this bill in pretty good shape for their future operations. With that, that would conclude my opening remarks.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. We are now on the amendments to the committee amendments to LB 822. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would offer AM1046.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, Mr. Clerk, that particular amendment is being redrafted, and I would withdraw it at this point in time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn. The next amendment, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Beutler, AM1048. (See amendment on page 1250 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Clerk, Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, 1048 should be on your machine. And, basically, this is intended as an amendment that doesn't go to philosophy