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given area. I understand that all of this is subject to public hearings, but all those are in Lincoln, or at least I suspect they're all in Lincoln, and I suspect that very few people would know about them when they were being held. That isn't the kind of process that I think I want to support for something that is...potentially has as far-reaching ramifications as what this piece of legislation might have.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. We are discussing the committee amendments to LB 822. Seeing no further lights, Senator Schrock, did you wish to close?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, LB 822 is a bill that protects certain areas of the state that we have thought have become more environmentally sensitive than other areas of the state. It's designed to protect the class A cold water type streams. It's not a large area of the state, but what the bill says, that it's inappropriate for new livestock facilities to locate in there, if they're over 300 animal units; and it puts a limitation on existing livestock facilities in there. It just says we think these areas of the state are more environmentally sensitive due to the class A cold water type streams. It's a pretty basic bill. I think it's going to accomplish what we want it to do. And the side effect of this is that it affects more cattle producers than it does pork producers, and so that was the reason for the lengthy amendments as to the expansion of existing facilities. We think we have accommodated those concerns in a reasonable manner, and I would urge the body to advance the amendments which become the bill. With that, I'll conclude my remarks.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. The question before the body is adoption of the committee amendments to LB 822. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The committee amendments are adopted to LB 822. We will now be discussing the advancement to E & R Initial. Senator Schellpeper.