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amendment.

CLERK: AM1399, Senator.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Clerk, that was not intended to be an amendment to the Schimek amendment, and so I will withdraw it at this point.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is withdrawn. For discussion on the Schimek amendment, AM1171, Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. Just so that we have a little chance to discuss this, again, this amendment will allow temporary zoning in counties that have not already zoned. And it will cover the yellow, and the blue, and the green counties on your map. So if you've got counties in those areas, you probably should be listening carefully. I'm sorry, the white, the green and the blue, not the yellow. The reason that we brought this amendment to you today, again, is that the bill did come out of committee. It is out here on General File. It is the Speaker's priority list, it did make that. But we were afraid that it couldn't happen this year, and we do have some counties out there in real need. The only real bone of contention on this particular bill is the date, and it is my feeling, and I believe Senator Raikes' feeling as well, and he is the bill's sponsor, that we need to allow some time for these counties to get their planning commissions in place and to get their zoning started. And that's why the original date of the bill didn't seem to us to be satisfactory, and that's why there is that change from the original bill. Originally, I think, the bill started out with a March date of this year. And, of course, that would have accomplished nothing, because we wouldn't have even passed the bill until May. And then the next date that was thought about was June of this year. And again, this bill probably won't pass, if it passes, until May or June. And so it was Senator Raikes' and my thinking, I believe, that we should at least allow the legislative session coming up when we could come back and address any problems, if we needed to. So that's the reason that we have the date of June 1, 2000. And I'm hopeful that you will support this amendment. I'd be perfectly happy to try to answer any questions that you might have.