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hundred million reasons, some of them...most of them good, for zoning, and I think that we should be encouraging and not discouraging it. I think Senator Matzke made a very important point about the smallness of some of these counties. It is expensive. We, when we had the hearing, we heard from some people that it was an expensive proposition and it was difficult for these small counties to do and they...they can't always agree amongst themselves. You know, the more local politics is the more emotional it is, and people get...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...really upset and divisive. You saw it happen up in Boyd County, for heaven sakes. They get very upset. And they all have legitimate concerns, but they don't always agree how to address those concerns. If we give them just a little bit more time, I think it would be great. I won't say the world will end and fall here if the Kremer amendment is accepted. It is certainly better than the June of this year. But I wanted to make the argument on this floor that we should extend that time and it should be at least June 1st of next year and, originally, I didn't think...I didn't see any reason for a date. I still don't, but I'm willing to go along with a date that this body thinks that it can live with. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor and members. I rise in support of the Kremer amendment. I really feel that this is a very good compromise. I feel that if we don't have a date that's somewhat relative, we'll be coming back again next year and addressing this same concern. And it's interesting because this morning I had the opportunity to visit with a couple senators who have been in the body 20 to 25 years ago when this whole zoning debate was taking place and, as I understood, the first zoning bill did contain the words, those magic words, "shall zone." And they said they visited some of the counties. These counties were so upset that we were more or less mandating this zoning to happen in their counties. So they came back the next year, changed those words to "may." Well, those are some of the same counties that are complaining today because they...they still do not have zoning in those counties.