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think it...this bill, in general, represents protection for all. And we're simply talking on this amendment going from June 1st to January 1st. I wouldn't even be uncomfortable to have had it June 1st of this year in contrast to the June 1st of 2000, which is the present bill, because we need to...counties, they can adopt interim, and move forward and not then have to worry about having the Legislature bail them out or whatever in the future when something comes down the road that they don't like. So I strongly support Senator Kremer's amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Beutler. Senator Beutler, on the Kremer amendment to the Schimek amendment to LB 822. Senator Beutler's not around. Senator...Senator Beutler waives. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. I've just been weighing the events about this particular amendment, and I guess as I looked at the map I noticed that almost all those counties who have not taken the advantage of getting zoned are certainly...it appears that most of the small...mostly the small counties in the state, and I just have to tell you that a number of years ago we are one of those small counties and the only one down in southeast Nebraska who's not zoned. And I just have to tell you that a small county, it is a problem and I recognize that when the time comes, as somebody indicated, when they need help they'll be wondering why they can't avoid some of the pitfalls that happen. But the problem that I really have is, is enforcement. You can pass zoning rules and zoning codes all over the place, but if you don't have anybody that's effectively enforcing it, they really aren't worth very much. That's one of the problems that I ran into when I tried to...tried to get zoning in my county several years ago. The board said, well, we'll have the county sheriff and we'll have to talk to the county sheriff. He said, oh no, that's not my job description; I'm not going out and enforce zoning rules in this county because I have to run for election again and I might make some people unhappy with me and so I don't think it's a part of my job, and he was right. So you have to turn to who's going to do the enforcing when the problems arise. I do agree with some of the speakers that many of the small things that would happen probably wouldn't be enforced anyway. It'd be some of the big issues that would come up that need enforcement and probably