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location for close to towns or neighbors. I think these are all things that need to be put into place that we understand what the regulations are, but I think we have to keep sentiment out of it and make it based on sign...on sound scientific evidence. I'm just afraid that this...this amendment would complicate things more and make it harder for the small operations. We constantly are hearing about the small family farm and how important it is. And I know in the livestock industry, is a very large industry in our state. I think I read where one out of every seven jobs is associated with the livestock industry somewhere. And I think we need to make sure that we can...that we can go ahead with operations that fit into all the guidelines without over...being overregulated. And we're constantly being told we have so many regulations now that it's just not worth the effort, so I would urge you to oppose this amendment and support the bill.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. It's one of those difficult issues and several things that have been said certainly I tend to agree with. When it comes to the issue of one size fits all, it really bothers me. We are, in fact, going to make it real burdensome for some of these small operators. When we...when we...when this bill came out, I signed on it. I supported it. I think it's good legislation to, in fact, get a control over the environment. I don't...would not...I would guess that probably nobody in this building would be opposed to protecting our environment because it's for the future, but, as Senator Wehrbein indicated, it possibly could be overkill, particularly with the small operator. We have a lot of small...we don't have any mega-farms down in...where I come from, basically because we don't have any water, but where they do have, and I can understand where Senator Dierks is coming from, he wants to protect the environment from that area, from I think probably these large operations that are in fact becoming somewhat dangerous to the environment. But when you put everybody in the same box and indicate that, in fact, they're going to have to meet all these regulations with a small operation that...and, as indicated, speakers ahead of me, become so "flustrated" that many people are just pulling out of the business. We've had some people in