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survive, and I think LB 870 is really important for that. That's kind of a clarification and continuation of LB 1209 that we need to get in place, because it does exempt the 300 head of animal units, which is 300 cattle or 750 hogs. And so that's...that's something that's really important to get in because there is a lot of them operations across the state and hopefully there be some more if the hogs would ever come back up in price again. But, anyway, I think that that's important for our area. And also the 90 days that we have out there for the ranchers to calve their cows out, well, I'm getting complaints now that they calve in the spring and fall both in the same place, so there we got 180 days, so that's another problem that we're having. And the small...small operations that's just got a few head of horses or anything has to ask for an inspection and I don't think that's...they should have to do that. And also, the engineer that is...we've taken out of it for the small operations I think is real important because they're expensive when you ask for them to do it because a lot of times the person that's designing it does all the work and the engineer just signs off on it. So, again, that...I think we need to go on past this amendment and go ahead and pass the bill and get it in place. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I support the bill and the committee amendments. I think there's many, many things we need in there that are important, but I cannot support the amendment. I will echo some of the comments already been made and, believe it or not, I still have counties in my district that have no zoning. They have no commission set up to do it. They're still sitting out there as the white spot, so I'm not sure how this would affect them. There is a...you know, the process, let DEQ act on it and then, if they can get that permit and justify it, so be it. But, according to the amendment, they'd have to get a certification by each municipal and the county planning commission and then, of course, the governing body with zoning jurisdiction, and I...I'm echoing what a lot of people said, it'd be one more set of hoops that the small person probably isn't going to even mess with. They'd say let's either not do it or we'll go someplace else. So I'm in opposition to the amendment. Thank you.