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expand any requirement. Doesn't expand DEQ's authority. It is there to, I think, add some clarity and take...make it easier for DEQ to know, in fact, that the local zoning requirements have been complied with and it is a current practice. I, perhaps in closing, might just mention that Senator Schrock had also introduced a similar bill in LB 786 that, according to the information in the Environmental Quality Council meeting, it would construct a permit application to contain a signed and sealed statement by the county clerk that the applicant is in compliance with all applicable zoning regulations and ordinances. An application shall be treated as incomplete until the county clerk provides such statement. So, essentially, I'm doing the same thing that Senator Schrock had introduced in a bill and would ask for your support...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR PREISTER: ...of that, in addition to the request by a number of the local rural residents who have requested this and the Environmental Quality Council. And, Senator Dierks, if you would like to have the remainder of my closing, you may have that time.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Senator Preister and Mr. Speaker. Members of the Legislature, Senator Schrock made a couple statements that I'm sure most people agree with, that by doing this type of legislation we're going to make...we're going to slow down the process and make people jump through more hoops, and I guess that I'm of the opinion right now that that would be just fine. We can...I think the more we slow down the process the better off we all are. I'm not anti-animal agriculture or anti-supportive of animal reproduction, but I think we need to take a very careful look at what we're doing to our surface water and ground water and we can't take enough time, as far as I'm concerned, to make those things right, so let's...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.

SENATOR DIERKS: I still support the amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You've heard the closing. The question before the body is the adoption of the Preister amendment to the