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very close attention because this not only goes to this issue but I think this goes to the very purpose of representative government. And I believe when we tell the people of this state that their Department of Environmental Quality, as it was stated, shouldn't have to take the time or spend their energy, that they should do it with more important things, I do not think there is anything more important for government than the opportunity for the people of this state to articulate to those agencies...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.

SENATOR BOHLKE: ...what they think are positives or negatives for the plans in their area. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature. I rise in opposition to the amendment. I think we get back to where many of us are thinking about two different things when we're talking about controlling this. I think many are thinking about only the large hog operations, and I tend to be thinking about more of the average family farm which has probably a wide range of what constitutes a family farm. I think many people it's still a few hogs and a few chickens. I think anymore the size of the family farm is probably 1,000 to 5,000 head of cattle and a like number of hogs, whatever the factor is and a lot more acres than what most people think about. The cost of machinery and all the inputs anymore and we have to constantly be asked to be more efficient in order to survive, it has to be larger than that. When 1209 was passed last year, I remember my first thought was it's going to hurt the smaller operations much more than it is the larger ones and I still feel that way. Counties go through the zoning process. It takes a year and a half to two years. They have public hearings. They decide what's best for their county. They determine how far any kind of an operation has to be from the city, from the town, how far it has to be from their neighbors, how far it has to be from a stream, all these things and everyone has had a chance to have a public hearing on that to determine that. On the state level, we have the regulations. We have Title 130. There have been hearings all over the state