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SENATOR KREMER: Well, I am but I know there also has been public hearings on a lot smaller units that have been turned down just because of public sentiment...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR KREMER: ...did not have anything to do with, you know, whether it meet the requirements of the county zoning or not. One other question I'd like to have on the time table a little bit, how long does...it looks like after your application you have 14 days to require a hearing, then no sooner than 30 days to have the hearing, and then 14 more days for written comments, and then 60 days when the department then would decide. Does the...does that 60 days, does that start at the beginning of the application or is that after all the other process of the hearing and everything had taken place?

SENATOR PREISTER: This would extend the time period so that the publication and the notice would be given. So the current time frame would be extended, if that's what you're asking I believe.

SENATOR KREMER: Would the department, the DEQ start their process at the time of the application...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.

SENATOR KREMER: ...or would they be waiting...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Bruning.

SENATOR BRUNING: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I rise to oppose the Preister amendment. And I want to describe to the body a little bit our deliberations in committee. In committee, I also opposed the amendment. And one of the conversations we had, and in my mind I liken it to the difference between a pure democracy and the representative democracy that we have here. In a pure democracy, if you go back and I spoke to our legislative Greek scholars, Tyson and Chambers. In a pure democracy, all 100,000 people in the city of Athens will show up and be able to have their say. Now why don't we do that today? Why don't we bring all 1.6 million Nebraskans here to Lincoln to have their say? Because it's