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area because of people. We can't expand. If we were dependent upon our total economic livelihood in the next few years, we absolutely couldn't do it because of the people pressure. We have to consider when we work late at night all those kinds of things because of the people that surround. To me then rural Nebraska is where livestock operations should go. And now we're trying to throw as many obstacles as we can, it appears to me, in the face of those. And remember these Class III's and IV's, that's only a 5,000-head feedlot. That is not even an efficient feedlot size today by most people's standards. They are much bigger, rightly or wrongly. And so I understand maybe wanting to get at the multi-thousand hog units. And having a hearing is going to simply, I think, raise the issues even more and especially when it brings in those from other counties. It makes you wonder what's the real reason. But my basic thing is if counties want to stop this and really do all they can to stop it, then zone. I can't understand having it both ways. They don't want zoning, but if something comes along, we want to be able to throw out the monkey wrench and that to me does not seem right. I know that's just the opposite of what some have said here. But if the mechanism is there and we've offered that, we've given interim zoning in this very bill, then...no, it was LB 822 I guess, then let them use that tool if that's what they want to do. But I don't think DEQ should be the one to be used to do what local zoning, the people want local zoning to do. Local zoning is there for one reason. DEQ should be there for safe water, safe air, that type of thing and they should have that standard. I don't think they should be confused. And to me, throwing a hearing into this area simply confuses the zoning issue versus the clean water, clean air act which DEQ is charged to do. So I will oppose this amendment and the next one. I will turn my remaining time back to Senator Schrock if there is any.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Schrock, you have approximately two minutes.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I would remind you we're not dealing with radioactive waste here. We're not dealing with a lot of chemicals that we pour down our drain in our homes. We're dealing with a natural product. It's processed grass, processed hay, processed grain and water. And