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on the other side and there's a kind of instructive dialogue that goes on that cannot take place when comments are in writing. So having said all that, I kind of balance things myself in favor of having the public hearing and I guess I would...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...leave it at that. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Schmitt.

SENATOR SCHMITT: Mr. Speaker, members, again I just wanted to clear up a couple items I guess. Senator Schrock had mentioned he thought I had misspoken when I talked about the Class I facility in Boone County. No, I didn't. It is a Class I. It's a small facility. But the facility that I was referring to is an individual, but it's owned by DNR Swine which is a corporation and they have more than one confinement. They just have them scattered over a larger area. And apparently this was just one of the units that was operating there. But most of the problems that we're dealing with are still the large corporations. I heard somebody mention they wouldn't have supported interim zoning. I don't believe very many supported interim zoning last year. And last year when this issue needed to be dealt with, not this year, the counties that I was trying to protect last year are zoned but it's a year too late. The big ones are already there. Now if the water starts getting polluted, who is going to pay for cleaning it up? We are; they're not. They're going to move out and that's going to be the end of it. I had a question for Senator Schrock but I don't see him on the floor. I don't remember who all was involved with the LB 1209 last year, but a question I have, and I think it's something you should all think about, the fish kill on the Loup River that DEQ has finally dealt with, turned over to the Attorney General, I haven't had an opportunity to talk to them to see how it's being handled, but to my knowledge nothing has been done with it yet and this was back in October. These same individuals, and I guess the way I want to state this is, this waste was pumped from a waste lagoon that was not permitted. As I understand it, DEQ didn't know the lagoon even existed. They have now, according to the local newspapers in these counties,