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SENATOR PREISTER: The planning commission itself has to make a recommendation.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Right.

SENATOR PREISTER: They don't do any action, and I think that they would have a public hearing, but I don't know that they absolutely have to.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay. And so we do need to find out maybe what is happening, and maybe it varies from county to county depending on what their zoning laws say.

SENATOR PREISTER: I think there's consistency between the counties. I think...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Time.

SENATOR PREISTER: ...they all have to act consistently.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, Mr. President and members. I would like to clarify a couple of things. I have a note here from DEQ. When I was talking about why DEQ did not want to go out and conduct these, that was the information given to me in the lobby and talking to some individual people. DEQ officially has not taken a stance on if they would want to go and conduct these or not and have reminded me of the fact that actually the Environmental Quality Council sent the Natural Resources Committee a letter in March recommending the consideration of public hearings. Now this is a task force that we formed asking representatives from all parts of beef, I mean cattle, hogs, environmentalists, numbers of people to make their recommendations back. Their recommendation back was in support of public hearings. That was...I had forgotten at the beginning that's what first, when I went back to Senator Schrock and I said, Senator Schrock, even though we have a recommendation from the task force that we created that we should have public