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citizens very well. Senator Schimek, you may have the remainder of my time.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. As I said before, I rise in strong support of the Bohlke amendment. And if you noticed, on the last amendment I didn't vote green until very late, because...it's not that I was opposed to the Preister concept, but I did learn from Senator Engel, and I thank Senator Engel for the information, he did call Dakota County, and in their county, and I'm sure probably every other county it's the same, they do have a public hearing when their planning commission looks at plans, and then if they forward a plan to the county commissioners, then the county commissioners also have a public hearing. So it's probably not necessary in those counties that do have their zoning and comprehensive plan in place. I think what Senator Bohlke's amendment covers are those that either have no zoning at all, which means they have no planning commission to hold the public hearing, or they don't have an inter...or they have interim zoning, which means they may not even have a planning commission in place yet. As I said before, I do believe that, especially in some of these smaller counties, that it would be very beneficial for DEQ to hold these hearings, because it takes some of the heat in some respects off of the local folks. And it gets really hot and heavy in some of these smaller counties. Everybody knows everybody else. I did have my staff check, and the numbers of counties that we're talking about here is, there are 22 counties that have no zoning at all, and there are 27 counties that are in the process, they have an interim zoning process started. Now, that may be...they may not have any kind of a planning commission in place yet, but they have at least begun the first steps. And this could be dated information. It may be that there are more counties that have adopted their interim zoning process since this information was gathered. So I think that you should know that and know that the information may be a little out of date. I hope that the body will look at this...at this resolution...or at this motion seriously because I think it is a good compromise position and it does...does again provide for an outlet for people to express their opinion and, it's already been stated on the floor a number of times, we