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with almost immediate interim zoning. They can look at the five surrounding counties, or how many they wish, and take some of those regulations immediately. Also, a comment about DEQ. We all know that we now have a new director in DEQ. I think that we need to give this new director some time. He will have the opportunity to make some changes in the way things have been gone...going in the past. So I think that we need to give the agency some time with this new director. Also, just another point, in hearings, I think almost every county has the opportunity to call hearings. Just recently, we had an issue on railroad crossings. Our county commissioners called a hearing. They invited the state officials to attend that hearing. And I think that this will often be done in relationship to these applications. I don't know if anyone has pointed out, but last year there were 60 application requests in Class III, and 6 in Class IV, which makes a total of 66. With the Bohlke amendment, it could be possible, then, if one person would request a hearing in each of those applications, that they would be required to go. I think that we in Nebraska have been working towards some balance. I think it's really not good to compare Nebraska to North Carolina, because we have had Title 130 on our books since 1971. I don't know that that state actually has had the environmental concern that we have had in Nebraska all of these years. Also, we still now only produce half as many hogs as what North Carolina does. So in closing, I just...I will be opposing the Bohlke amendment. I think that we have been striving for environmental responsibility with the bills that we have been addressing, LB 1209 and LB 870, and I think that we also have to consider some responsible growth in our livestock industry, because livestock is a very important part of the economy for Nebraska. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES: Question.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Do I see five hands? I do. The question before the body is, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. We're voting on ceasing debate. Have you all voted who care to? Record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate,