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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Cudaback, it's my understanding that you've been designated to be the primary introducer and will handle the bill. You're recognized to open on LB 289.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. Speaker, members, this was an idea of Senator Schellpeper, early on, and Senator Schellpeper, along with several other groups, convinced me as well as another person to...that this was a good idea. And this idea deals with zoning only in that there should be a centralized place where the zoning regs would come to. There was more in the bill to start with, there was a comprehensive plan involved, there was meeting notices involved. But what this bill deals with, and there will be an amendment coming up to what you might say water down the original idea. Senator Schellpeper and myself and groups, we realized that it would not fly the way it was originally written, there was more to it. We didn't want to...did not want to put a burden on the counties. The counties are doing a fine job. The last thing they need is more paperwork, which would be the comprehensive plan, the meeting notices and so on. So the bill was talked about in committee at great lengths; we discussed it heavily in the committee, and we come up with this what you might say is a compromise, which Senator Schimek will be alluding to later on here. There was an idea, I think it's a wise move to have a central place to go to if you have questions on what counties are zoned, what counties aren't, and so on and so forth. And it simply says that it will go to the Secretary of State's Office, not that other offices couldn't do equally as well a job, but we thought the Secretary of State's Office would probably be the best place to put this. This is what the bill alludes to, zoning. It will not change any zoning regs, it's just simply a central place to file these regs. As I said earlier, it's watered down, it will not be as it was originally written. The committee did a good job on this, so I guess I won't run this into the ground. I would just simply say that it's a good idea and the times are here and times change, so with that I will close and will open it up for questions after Senator Schimek introduces the amendment.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Schimek, you're recognized to open on the Government Committee amendments.