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**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** Discussion on the committee amendments?  
Senator Landis.

**SENATOR LANDIS:** Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, just rising for a question, I suppose. It's not a bad idea to have a repository of rules and regs for counties or for cities. I suppose any good library would have that function, some centralized place you could go to, to learn the story. But I got to say I don't understand why a portion of a counties work product, in this case zoning, is given to a state agency to serve as a repository. What is the...what is the special distinction here for zoning regulations that don't appear in other kinds of county work that necessitates a state regulatory oversight, a librarian status, if you will, for this kind of information, as opposed to county rules and regs, generally? I can see why a centralized source is somebody you can call up and get an answer to, but why this information as opposed to all other information? Because, generally speaking, if you were going to be concerned with the zoning of a county, you'd call that county up and find out. That's what we normally do. I don't know that we do this for city zoning. I suppose, I mean, I can see some scenarios in which it makes sense. Would be great if we all had an all-purpose Library of Congress to answer any of these questions in one location. But why this topic only for this specialized kinds of recording? That I have yet to hear in both of the two introductory speeches. And I'm looking for a rationale; I haven't heard it so far. I'm just giving notice to all parties, I would like to hear why we're doing this? Thank you.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** Senator Schmitt.

**SENATOR SCHMITT:** Yes, Mr. Speaker. I guess I had a question of Senator Schimek, and then also, I guess, my feeling on what Senator Landis just said. I think what brought this all about and the reason they wanted a central location on this, and I could be wrong and somebody can correct me if I am, but I believe what has happened here is some of the large entities that are interested in confinement operations and in the zonings of the county probably came to the Legislature with this information and wanted a central location so they didn't have to go to every county and see whether they were zoned or not. I