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because Senator Hudkins has really already explained the committee amendments. The committee amendment just strikes the 60,000 to 250,000...or, 350,000 inhabitants and opens it up. I'd be happy to answer any questions, but I think that she adequately explained what we're trying to do here. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Raikes, on the committee amendments to LB 1190.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I would like to ask Senator Hudkins a couple of questions, if I might.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Hudkins.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Yes.

SENATOR RAIKES: Senator, explain for me, for my understanding, the addition of statute that this would make. There are already some provisions in statute that an ag society can purchase land. Why are those inadequate? Why does this need to be added?

SENATOR HUDKINS: Senator Raikes, the information that I have received says that the current statutes, this is an opinion from the county attorney's office, I don't know the circumstances leading up to his being asked that, but the statutes that he was asked about he felt did not allow this to happen, and so this particular change that I'm making is just a clarification.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay. I am noticing 2-262 which says that an ag society may take hold and appropriate so much real estate as may be necessary for the purpose of holding county fairs. It also says in there, not more than 40 acres shall be taken without the consent of the owner. Do you have an idea as to why that provision wouldn't cover what you're after here?

SENATOR HUDKINS: Senator, I'm assuming that 40 acres would not be sufficient ground for the grounds, the buildings, and the parking areas.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay. Actually, I wasn't clear in my question to you. It says with the consent of the owner. And it is...it