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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is not agreed to. The call is raised. Mr. Clerk, next amendment.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend with FA343. (FA343, Legislative Journal page 1251.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on FA343.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I hope my colleagues who are engaged actively in production agriculture will follow me on this amendment. What I'm attempting to do is found on page 5 in line 2. I would place a period after the word "pens"...I meant a semicolon after the word "pens", then I would strike the following language: "which normally are not used for the growing of crops or vegetation." This is what would be left. We're talking about an operation that cannot qualify for breaks under this bill. One of those that cannot qualify is a livestock operation. This is what the bill says about that: "For purposes of this subdivision, livestock operation means the feeding or holding of beef cattle, dairy cattle, horses, swine, sheep, poultry, or other livestock in buildings, lots, or pens". I would end it there. Now, the language that I have stricken, if not stricken, would cause the provision to not make sense to me, and this could be one of those instances where, because I don't engage in production agriculture, I simply don't have the level of experience or expertise to understand what is meant. Either a livestock operation cannot qualify, which deals with the feeding and holding of these various types of livestock in buildings, lots, or pens. I think that's what they're saying, but they qualify the types of pens with the following language: "which normally are not used for the growing of crops or vegetation". So that language would modify buildings, lots, or pens. So if it's a building...certainly if it's a building which normally is used for growing of crops or vegetation then it doesn't qualify, this kind of operation. But if the buildings are not used for the growing of crops or vegetation (laugh) then let me ask Senator...who else is on this bill that I can ask a question to who can explain it to me. Senator Matzke? Let me ask Senator Raikes. He is...he is an active farmer.