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SENATOR CHAMBERS: So now let me read the language.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: A livestock operation would not qualify if it involves the feeding or holding of beef cattle, dairy cattle and other forms of livestock in pens which normally are not used for the growing of crops or vegetation. If the pens are not used for that purpose, then the livestock operation would qualify?

SENATOR RAIKES: That's the way I would read it. We're...actually, that sentence defines "livestock operation". The previous one says livestock operation as defined would not be qualified. Is that the way you read that?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay. So a livestock operation that does not meet those qualifications, and one of those qualifications is pens which normally are not used for the growing of crops or vegetation would, in effect, be a...not be a livestock operation and, therefore, would qualify.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: There is a double negative that...and that makes it difficult for construction. So is it saying that you can qualify if you are feeding or holding livestock in pens which normally are not used for growing crops or vegetation? In other words, it's used only for a pen. It's used only for a pen. Then you qualify?

SENATOR RAIKES: My reading would be then you don't qualify.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But if it is used also for growing crops or vegetation then that livestock operation does qualify.

SENATOR RAIKES: That would be my reading.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What would be the harm in striking "which normally are not used for the growing of crops or vegetation"?

SENATOR RAIKES: I don't...