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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Wouldn't it be clearer?

SENATOR RAIKES: ...I...I think that would be a...that would benefit the bill, in my opinion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, I'm really...I'm really struggling, based on the construction, to even understand. But if we strike this language that I'm talking about, then I think we have a definition of what a livestock operation is. The language that I'm dealing with is mentioning one of those types of businesses which will not qualify under this bill. If I strike the language that I'm talking about, this is the description of the kind of operation that would not qualify, and I think it should not: "the feeding or holding of beef cattle, dairy cattle, horses, swine, sheep, poultry, or other livestock in buildings, lots, or pens." It would be saying wherever you have this livestock, whatever type, if it's for feeding or holding, whether in a building, a lot, or a pen, the livestock operation is not qualified. From the language of this bill and the thrust of it, it's looking at smaller enterprises or activities. Livestock operations are not designed to be covered by this bill as I read it. The language that I'm striking serves no purpose other than to cause confusion when you even try to figure out what is intended to be said by the language. Now that...I thought I saw Senator Matzke approaching his desk. Senator Matzke.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Matzke, would you yield?

SENATOR MATZKE: Yes, Senator Chambers, I'm trying to...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, okay. Go...

SENATOR MATZKE: ...I'm trying to educate myself so that I can respond to you.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Carry on, because I'm still having a problem. May I ask Senator Wickersham a question, because he may have arrived at a point where he can help me.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Wickersham.