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SPEAKER BROMM: The motion is not successful. I raise the call. Senator Schimek on the bill.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes. Thank you. Mr. President, members, I rise simply for the purpose of clarifying where our...what our county zoning status is now. You all received the handout. And there are four counties that are not zoned at all, have no comprehensive plans in place, nothing. Those are Butler, Furnas, Platte, and Thurston Counties. Those are the four that have no zoning at all. But if you'll look closely at this chart, there are also 12 counties that have comprehensive plans that are either in the stages of development or that they're pursuing. And those 12 counties have not actually adopted their zoning laws yet. And they're mainly in the Sandhills area, if you'll notice. You've got Banner, you've got Blaine, Boyd, Custer, Dixon, which is not, of course, Johnson, Kimball, Logan, McPherson, Nemaha, Richardson, and Wayne Counties. So you can see there's...I mean, they're not all totally there yet, but there are really four counties that are not zoned at all. And I...you know, I don't know that this bill is that big of a deal. But I don't think there's any real unified voice on behalf of the counties on this. And I think that, you know, there may be some that would be in favor and some not. So I'm not sure that we need to be doing this either. And that's why I voted for the motion to indefinitely postpone. If it goes forward, I probably won't be voting yes. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I want to back up once again. I don't think there's a single person in this body that says we don't want to protect our scenic byways or environment. I'm sure there's no one in here, and I certainly don't want to spoil any of the environmental views or anything else. It was pointed out to me during...off the mike here that a lot of these junkyards, referring to now, that are out there that are distasteful, you know, to our sight, are grandfathered in. And I'm sure that's the case. The one I can think of out in my area certainly is. But this bill is an attempt to provide some direction as to who has jurisdiction over these, rather than pass the buck back and forth, like