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you.

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

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. In the year 2000, when a lot of planning and zoning issues were coming up, the state did have a program. It was a grant program that was issued to the counties if they wanted to adopt planning and zoning. This grant was to help counties hire someone in the process of developing their comprehensive plan. When it came closer to the end of the year, counties were advised that if they wanted to adopt the planning and zoning in their county, they had to do so, but they were able to adopt another county's comprehensive plan as a base mark. So a lot of the counties did that at that time. Platte County, we chose not to do it at that time. And we were not eligible for that grant money. The grant money involved, I think it was up to \$20,000, to hire someone to try to develop your plans. And this is the reason what had taken place at that time. Since that time, a lot of the counties have worked and have appointed their planning and zoning commission. That planning and zoning commission, which was appointed by the county board, has developed plans of their own, mirroring them off of the other plan which they have adopted from another county. Some of the counties, and one county close to Platte County, Colfax County, did adopt a plan from a neighboring county. They were not happy. It did not work very good. But they have developed their own plan based on that original plan. So they do have a plan that is in place. So other than the four counties that don't have anything, the rest of the counties, up until now, do have the process in place. It's working. They do have the hearings. They go through the process. So it's not that those counties don't have anything. Realistically, the four counties don't have anything. Anyone can put anything in that county if they want to, outside of the area of the jurisdiction of the villages and the local towns. So that is where the stand is on the planning and zoning. And I hope that answers some of the questions. Thank you.

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