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three are working on a comprehensive development plan, which is the first step towards getting zoning. And another nine have adopted a comprehensive plan, but haven't necessarily gone beyond that step yet. And of course, there are several steps past that before you have effective zoning in place. So whether or not, I would argue, you think counties should control this situation, the fact of the matter is, there are a lot of them that cannot control it right now, because they do not have zoning. And so I would argue at the very least that this bill is premature. I wanted to also show you the relationship between some of the unzoned counties and the scenic byways that we've established in the state of Nebraska. Along with the interstate, the scenic byways are our primary tool for encouraging people to get out and to see the state. The image of the state that is portrayed along the interstate and along the scenic byways is very conducive to a positive impression of the state of Nebraska when out-of-state people come to visit here and there in the state. And I've printed out a map for you that shows the scenic byways and shows how they relate to the yellow colored counties that do not have zoning. So you can see that with regard to Highway 2, which is a...designated as a heritage highway/byway, this is our most beautiful road into the Sandhills, that Custer County and Blaine County do not have zoning. And so that would mean that absent a permit system, anybody that could get in there and put in a junkyard before they could zone would be free to do so. And once that junkyard is established, it then must be grandfathered, so that it would always be there as long as it was operating. So you can see on the heritage byway, you have two counties along a huge stretch of it where the junkyard problem would not be protected against either locally or at the state level. You can see with regard to Blaine County that the Loup Rivers Scenic Byway passes through there. There would be no jurisdiction on the county's part to regulate the junkyards. Looking down in the southern part of the state, the Western Trails Scenic and Historic Byway goes all the way from Furnas County, that you can see on the southern tour of the state...tier of the state, east all the way through Nemaha County. And along that particular scenic byway, neither Furnas nor Nuckolls nor Johnson nor Nemaha County have zoning. And so those areas would be susceptible to junkyards being put in before anybody could do anything about it. Not