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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. Senator Beutler, there are no further lights on. You're recognized to close on your bracket motion if you care to.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature. Senator Baker, could I ask you a simple question? I need to be informed, or we need to get the facts straight. A county that has a comprehensive zoning plan but has not moved beyond that point, are you saying that they can regulate zoning under that comprehensive plan? You keep saying...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Baker.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...that there are four or five that can't regulate. I think we need to get that fact clear, that there are 16 that cannot.

SENATOR BAKER: That are not zoned?

SENATOR BEUTLER: That are not zoned. And you can't regulate unless you're zoned, unless it's a nuisance.

SENATOR BAKER: That's right. I'll...well,...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Thank you, Senator.

SENATOR BAKER: Okay.

SENATOR BEUTLER: You know, we really need to deal with facts here, and stop obfuscating the facts. You may feel one way or another about the general policy and philosophy of matters, but I don't think that we need quibble about the facts. There are 16 counties that do not have zoning regulations and cannot use zoning to regulate in this area. The...again, if they...if the Department of Roads wants to come back with a bill that makes it easier or facilitates their taking care of the problem, if we need to get on top of the Department of Roads in terms of execution of the law, then we need to do that. But if the legislative reaction to nonexecution of the law is to repeal the law, then I suggest to you that we're setting a very bad precedent in here, because that will just encourage agencies who