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declaration, Senator, I understand you'd like to withdraw AM0924, and offer a substitute amendment, AM0927. (Legislative Journal pages 1006-1008.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn. Senator Bromm, you're rec...

CLERK: Mr. President,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bromm, you're recognized to open on your amendment.

SPEAKER BROMM: Mr. Clerk, even though I would like it, do I get an opening on a substitution? Okay. Thank you. And I won't use all of this. I know there are a number of lights on. People wanted to make comments on this subject and this portion, and so we will be brief. But all that this does is, at the very beginning of the amendment, it strikes that portion of AM1206...FA1206, which excludes slaughterhouses from consideration for these incentive programs. So by striking that language, if you adopt this amendment, slaughterhouses would still be eligible under our provisions for consideration for credits. The rest of the amendment is identical to the amendment that I just pulled and substituted this one for. So the concept is the same. I can't emphasize enough that what I'm to convince you of this morning is that this is an idea that we can work with; that this is an idea that, in my view, I wish we had had from the very get-go on this whole program. I think it's something we can work with. And I think, although I don't know this, but I think the business community will work with us in trying to develop this concept. I think we get the concept in there, we get enough detail in there, so that we have some certainty with respect to what a violation is, and what laws we're talking about, whether it be immigration, as well as our environmental laws and our health and safety and labor laws here. I think we can work with this. And if nothing else...I think back to...Senator Landis talked about the situation up in South Sioux City. And that situation came before Natural Resources Committee in some detail on more than one occasion, and we were extremely concerned about it and tried to do something about it. And eventually the matter was handled. But