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of its permitting obligations with respect to junkyards located within certain distances of certain types of highways. And the problem with that, from my perspective, was that the regulation would then go to the counties. Which was fine for those counties who had the ability to regulate, but was problematic, with me, with regard to those 17 counties that didn't yet have zoning regulations. So the compromise is it will go to the counties, as Senator Baker desires. And the Transportation Department would only continue to permit in those counties that have not yet adopted a comprehensive plan and zoning regulation that itself regulates those junkyards. So it will be a transition sort of thing. As more counties take on the responsibility of having zoning in the first instance and regulating those things in the second instance, the Department of Transportation permitting program will go out and Senator Baker's vision for the regulation of the matter will come into play across the state. So that's basically what the amendment brings about. And, Senator Baker, I'd yield you the rest of my time if you wish. Okay, I...then I'm finished, Mr. Speaker.

- SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. I heard Senator Beutler say he's finished, with the junkyard bill, I think. But I support the amendment we're debate...or going to return to here. And it's been a compromise. I think everyone is on the same page. The counties that are not zoned are going to be subject to this state regulation yet. And I have no problem with it. I think it's workable. I don't want to see junkyards any worse than anybody else. So with that, I would support the return to Select File for this specific amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Baker. I see no further lights. Senator Beutler, did you wish to close? He waives closing. The question then is the motion to return LB 186 to Select File for specific amendment. All in favor vote aye, and opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to return the bill.