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change is in Section 13. It's Section 81-2,272.21. That is amended by Section 13, sets out the requirements for cooling cooked potentially hazardous foods to cold holding temperatures. Generally, a food establishment will be required to cool food to 45 or 41 degrees within four hours. But as written in LB 250, provides that the time to reach that temperature would be reduced by the amount of time the food has been held above freezing prior to preparation. This reference to time before freezing is nonsensical, and the residual language is being worked to draft the bill, and is stricken. The statute will be written much more simply and simply requires that potentially hazardous food be cooled to the cold holding temperatures specified in Section 81-2,272.23 within four hours. The next change is in Section 14, which is beginning on page 17 of the bill. The new language begins on lines 23 and contains a reference to an exception to cold holding temperatures contained in 81-2,272.15 that no longer exists due to the changes elsewhere in LB 250. The amendment simply writes the rule for cold holding temperatures in a straightforward manner, without extraneous language that no longer is necessary. And the final change is in Section 16 of the bill, which amends Section 81-2,272.25. This section pertains to the rules for discarding ready-to-eat foods. The bill would set out requirements for foods that are consumed before being frozen, and ready-to-eat foods that are initially frozen and then later thawed. There are three instances where initial reference to this section are incorrect, specifically references to subsections 2(b) and 4(b) and Section 81-2,272.24, because the changes to that section where references no longer exist, and there is therefore necessary to describe the food affected rather than the internal reference. My amendment simply describes the foods that the discard rule is intended to apply to, rather than to attempt to apply the rule of foods intended by reference back to the earlier sections. So it just describes the food itself. I would urge you to approve the motion to return, and to adopt the amendments. Thank you.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Thank you, Senator Kremer. Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback (sic), members of