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bad image for some of the livestock industry. However, we have research going on, not only at the University of Nebraska but in other universities particularly in the Midwest--Iowa State and Minnesota--that are developing methods whereby you can locate a fairly intense livestock facility within a proximity of some people, and if it's constructed in such a way and designed in such a way and managed properly, it can be compatible with the people that live in the area. Now this bill isn't intended to promote any one size of livestock operation,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SPEAKER BROMM: ...but it is intended to suggest that there is an opportunity and room in Nebraska for various sizes of livestock operations, and we're not going to try to dictate what size is optimum. And I will, when we go into the committee amendment or speak on that, I will go into more detail, but the bill is designed to do two things: one, to promote livestock opportunities in Nebraska through the use of the Department of Agriculture and a livestock designation...a livestock friendly designation if counties wish to volunteer to be known as such; and, secondly, a look at the procedures when special permits are issued to try to increase the certainty for those who are going to invest money and...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SPEAKER BROMM: ...engineering, before they do that and waste the money. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. As stated by the Clerk, there are committee amendments offered by the Agriculture Committee. Senator Kremer, you're recognized to open, as Chairperson of that committee, AM0912 to LB 754.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members of the body. I'd like to thank Senator Bromm for his input and his interest in this issue. It's good to see somebody that's not directly involved in agriculture recognize the need that we have in Nebraska and how important the livestock industry is and to do what he has done. Last year he had mentioned that he had