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disparagement of every other county. Any county can choose to adopt a resolution declaring itself a livestock friendly county or an agriculture friendly county. There is no need, in my opinion, for the state to get involved in this. I was at the hearing. I heard the concerns expressed by people. And the thing driving this bill, in my opinion, are these large operations which have not been good neighbors, which have not taken into consideration the welfare of the population affected negatively by their presence. If there had been as much opposition against a bill that I brought as there was against this bill, the Ag Committee never would have advanced it. I know that from experience. But because it is offered by the ones who favor the bill, it gets out here and that may ensure it favorable consideration, and that's how politics operates. But when you look at those who are for this bill, you see the large operations, those that can hire the lobbyists, those that have deep pockets, it if comes to taking a county commission or a county board or county planning commission to court. But this bill is not one which, in my opinion, is in the best interests of the public. Why do I keep modifying everything with the phraseology "in my opinion?" Simply because I know others disagree with me by virtue of the fact that the bill is here. But I'd like to ask Senator Kremer a question about the committee amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Kremer, will you yield to a question from Senator Chambers?

SENATOR KREMER: Yes, I will.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Kremer, on page 5 of the committee amendment, in line 18, is the term "timely manner," and it relates to when a final determination is to be issued. That word can lead to a lot of litigation, can it not? Because...

SENATOR KREMER: It probably could.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now there is no definition of "timely" in the bill, is there?

SENATOR KREMER: Not that I know of.