

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE  
Transcriber's Office  
FLOOR DEBATE

April 7, 2003

LB 754

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR JENSEN: ...expand, that the operations that we have and the products that we produce can find markets and those markets then will produce a better agricultural economy which will be a better economy for also the metropolitan areas. We're all in this together. There's a million seven of us in this state, and so I think we need to reach out and to accept as many opportunities that come along. There are certainly areas where those operations don't belong, but there are many areas, an abundance of areas, where they do, where they can come in and grow, and that's where I'd like to see the state be. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. We are discussing AM1188 to the committee amendments to LB 754. Senator Erdman, followed by Senators Burling, Cunningham, Stuthman, Beutler, Byars, Jones, Kremer, Stuhr, and Wehrbein. Senator Erdman.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, I'd like to kind of bring some closure or at least try and answer some of the questions that Senator Janssen had, and I have discussed this with him personally, and then speak to the bigger issue. Senator Janssen's concern is, is that eventually we don't want to end up taking away local control. We don't want to take away local zoning. This doesn't do that. This is the process after you've set your zoning in place. And I've discussed that with him, kind of, if I could use the example of the legislative process. We've had a committee hearing on this bill. We've had a committee hearing on a number of bills, and if someone would come up to us and say, where do you stand on this bill, and you would say, well, I'd be supportive of the bill as it's written with the committee amendments and I would probably support the bill all the way through unless this happens, well, in this process I think that's similar. You're asking the county to look at the application and say, what do you think? And the county says, yep, you've met all of our requirements, but we want you to get a DEQ permit. So, going back to our original example, unless this happens, is unless they get denied at DEQ they've got a good chance of getting their permit granted. That's what we're