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talking about here. If a county in the state of Nebraska does not want to have a livestock operation of X amount, zone them out, period. Zone them out. Why do you think they haven't done that? Because the county won't support that. The individuals in that area that are representing the citizens of that county can't get that passed in their zoning laws, so we come back to the overall process. What should that look like? Regardless of whether LB 754 passes or not, there's going to be lawsuits. Right now, you have a lawsuit from an individual that maybe somebody got their permit, someone didn't like the fact they got the permit, now we have lawsuits because they didn't like the idea of how it was happened. It's happened before. A lawsuit was filed in a number of cases where, once in particular, where local opponents defeated the proposal by questioning the open meeting laws and how things were done. Permit was thrown out. That was a dairy. The other side of that is, is that you may have a chance where an individual, who applied and got denied, files a lawsuit against the county based on the findings that they didn't comply with their zoning regulations and their process that was fair to them, and they might file a lawsuit, but I doubt it, and I'll tell you why. Because once they get to that point, once they've gone through the zoning process and gotten beat up locally by individuals who may or may not have the facts, there are some situations where they're right. They have some environmental concerns. But some people use those as the reason to oppose something without a good argument. So they might oppose that, so they get beat up locally, they get beat up by their neighbors, if you will, through the zoning process. Then they spend thousands of dollars, 25-50 thousand dollars, getting a DEQ permit, hiring an engineer, getting the plans all put together to be able to comply with the zoning regulations, to be able to comply with the DEQ regulations, and then they come back and then they're faced again with more public outcry. Some of it's local; some of it's recruited. We've seen that in the state, where outside interests have been recruited to come in and to drum up some emotional support at a final determination at a hearing to try and get the commissioners to deny that permit. So then, if that individual is denied there, they've been beat up twice locally. They've spent \$50,000 probably to get the permit. Now what are they going to file a lawsuit with, because that costs money too? So, regardless of