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after the operations. And I really hate to see that. Another instance that I want to kind of bring to the attention is I'm very much concerned with the jobs that are lost in Hartington, you know, the 120 jobs that are lost because of lack of milk is what they say, or lack of product to continue their cheese factory. The 120 jobs lost there, in a town of a population of 1,600, equates to about 14,500 jobs...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: ...in Lincoln that would be lost in the same type of a scenario. So what would the people in Lincoln say if some industry quit and said, we're shutting down and we're going to unemploy 14,000 people? That would have a great impact. So I am totally in support of this bill. This bill, in my opinion, sends a signal, you know, that we are livestock friendly. We need to continue to expand on that. My son hauls pigs out of our county at 2,000 head a week. Those pigs ought to be fed in our county. We have the corn for it. We have the soybeans for it. We have the labor for it. There's a lot of individual farmers that do not do a lot of work through the wintertime, the grain farmers. But they could have units on their facil...on their property to help subsidize their income. Thank you very much.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. Senator Beutler, followed by seven others.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, as I understand this bill, there are basically three parts. The first part gives counties the option of being a livestock friendly county. And to a certain extent, you can't quibble with that. I mean, it's up to the county. If they want to be one, they can, and if they don't, they don't, albeit they risk the designation of, I suppose, not being livestock friendly if they don't participate, which would be kind of a bummer. But anyway, the county can choose that. Another part of the bill has to do with findings of fact. And this has to go with the...has to do with the problems of litigation. You really need to have findings of fact in order to know what you're arguing about. And it would seem to me that nobody should be