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SENATOR BEUTLER: Right. But if they do comply with whatever conditions you put in there, and the DEQ permit is approved, then the county can no longer act. Is that correct?

SENATOR KREMER: Well, it's just that they could make that determination sooner.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I understand. (Inaudible)...

SENATOR KREMER: I would (inaudible)...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Is the answer yes or no?

SENATOR KREMER: Yes.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Byars, followed by Senator Jones and others.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. I just want to make sure I get a couple of things clear. So I'm not sure whether I'll ask Senator Bromm or Senator Kremer for some response. In Gage County, years ago, we tried to establish a planning and zoning committee. But the rural people and the rural community fought it so vigorously that the idea was abandoned. We then, in recent years, as we made this movement toward having planning and zoning all the way across the state in individual counties, Gage County moved in that direction, appointed a planning and zoning commission, appointed by the county board, established the rules and regs that they would live by, with a consultant. Then we had several livestock operations that...individually owned, not corporate type, that made application for expansion of their operations, were approved, they complied with all the planning and zoning requirements. The applications then went to the county board, and they were denied. Politics became involved. Now, Senator Bromm, maybe you would respond to me, please.