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LB 754

when we recessed for lunch?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers had pending FA1261 as an amendment to the Agriculture Standing Committee amendments. (Legislative Journal page 1171.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: We will continue debating the FA1261, offered by Senator Chambers to the Agriculture Committee amendments to LB 754. Speaking order for that, for the debate, is Senators Bromm, Raikes, Chambers, and Erdman. Senator Bromm, on the Chambers amendment to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Mr. President. This particular amendment again simply inserts the word "reasonable" in a... in line 15 of the first section of the bill, and I support that amendment. I've got no problem with that amendment so I'm willing to go on with that, and there may be some other suggested wording changes that Senator Chambers advised me of prior to or right after recess that I also could support. Having said that, I want to speak for a moment on the intent and purpose of the livestock friendly section of the bill. There have been some who have expressed concerns that we should not have such a designation; that by deduction it implicates or implies that other counties who do not seek such a designation are not livestock friendly. You know, I...that is not the intent at all. The intent is to provide an avenue or a means by which a county that wishes to emphasize and accommodate or facilitate livestock production in their county has a way of that...of expressing that in a manner that is not...doesn't require a lot of expensive advertising, doesn't require a big PR campaign, but it is a way for the Department of Economic Development, if they get a call from someone that wants to locate a dairy here or another type of livestock facility, for them to know where might be a spot that would be interested in having your type of operation. It is also an opportunity, in my opinion, to involve the Department of Agriculture in an area that is very logical for them to be involved with. I think the Department of Agriculture can do a lot of things to promote a healthy improvement in our agricultural economy and this is one of them. They can facilitate this process in a meaningful way. And, again, I think the section of that, it goes right on to say