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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bromm, would you yield to a question from Senator Chambers?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And, Senator Bromm, I will be posing the question as you make it to your mike.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You may use that mike, Senator Bromm.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: There is nothing, even with this bill, that would prohibit a county from advertising itself as a livestock friendly county, or as a corn grower friendly county, or designating itself any other way that it chooses, is there?

SPEAKER BROMM: No, there is not.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So if this bill were enacted, is the Department of Agriculture going to issue some kind of certificate or, as a friend of mine used to say and I don't know if the transcribers can spell it, a "cerstificate?" Will they issue a "cerstificate," the state?

SPEAKER BROMM: A key, a key to the hog house. No. I don't know. It would be simply a designation but not anything particularly formal that I know of.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Who will see this designation?

SPEAKER BROMM: It will be on record with the Department of Agriculture. I'm sure the Department of Economic Development would have a record of that. If the county wanted to utilize that in promoting their county through advertising, they could.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So the county would say, we have been officially certified by the state Department of Agriculture as a livestock friendly county.

SPEAKER BROMM: They could say that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Could a county establish a "secretary of steak" if it chose to?