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for a parent to tell one child that that child is better than all the other children and say that in front of all the other children. Are we trying to sow division? Are we trying to sow discord? Are we trying to exert pressure which is not so subtle that will maybe make all of these counties...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that can support operations of this kind feel the need to jump through the hoops? Or will they all thumb their nose and say let Rock County do it? Because I don't think there are many people in Rock County and they might be one of the ones who wouldn't try, that's why I say that. But maybe they would. I don't see where any county is prohibited. They just must meet the criteria. My amendment speaks for itself. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You heard the opening on FA1264. Now open for discussion on that amendment. Senator Bromm.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Mr. President. I rise to oppose the amendment. There are two primary components of the bill. This would take out one of those major components. The Department of Agriculture administration, I've spoken with them, they're supportive of this. They're willing to work with it. They're willing to try to give a positive spin, if you will, on livestock and what it means to the state. The Department of Agriculture would have to have a public hearing on the rules and regulations that they would adopt to implement the criteria. At that public hearing, any county, any concerned person would have input into the criteria that are established. So that is some check and balance on the Department of Agriculture's judgment, if you will. It seems that we want local control as long as it's going the way that we want it, but we don't want local control in other instances. This would be a local decision of the county board and the constituents of that county as to whether they wish to receive this designation, for whatever it's worth, or not. How much more local control could it be? Simply a question for the county to reflect on: Do we want to attract livestock and encourage livestock, or don't we? That is an