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appropriate topic for county consideration. If you're Douglas County, you might not be as interested. If you are Colfax County, you might have more interest. I don't know, that's up to the county, but, in any event, we have had so much negative publicity and so much negative information surrounding the possible expansion of livestock in this state, primarily driven by fear of large livestock facilities, that it has spilled over and sent a negative message to the dairies that would like to locate here, to those who would like to expand here in some cases. Saturday I was at a meeting, and I won't name the county, but a father-son cattle feeding operation simply wanted to increase their capacity and they were denied. Senator Hudkins, they were denied the permit, and I'll get you the name if you want to check it out, because they couldn't get one person within seven miles to sign a waiver, one person within seven miles. So permit denied. Now if you're going to, in your zoning ordinances, in a fairly remote populated county, require a waiver from every person within seven miles to increase the size of the cattle feeding operation, that's a significant barrier. They might refuse to sign a waiver because they have a personal vendetta against you. Maybe your son got to start on the basketball team in place of theirs. Maybe they really do have a legitimate concern, I don't know. But it ought to be based on fact. It ought to be...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SPEAKER BROMM: ...based on science. It ought to be based on objectivity and not just some arbitrary finding. So that's the gist of that, and the fact that a county board can choose or not choose to be known as a livestock friendly county is...I fail to see the cause for alarm and objection that is being raised by my colleague Senator Chambers. I'm trying to understand and I'm trying to relate to what his fears are, why it's bad policy, and I don't see it. I think it's a decent suggestion. I have no idea whether it's going to benefit us or whether it isn't, and one won't know until we go further with this as to whether or not we're going to generate more livestock production in this state or not. But that's the goal,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.