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think about that?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, Senator, at least so far as I understand right now, the county has certain prerogatives with regard to the protection of the environment. And if they want to exercise them, they can. And your bill as it's originally structured doesn't prevent them from doing that.

SPEAKER BROMM: Right.

SENATOR BEUTLER: They can set as a condition right now two lagoons, under your language.

SPEAKER BROMM: Sure. Sure.

SENATOR BEUTLER: So I don't see that my amendment is changing anything in that regard. In fact, it may be making...helping them make a more intelligent decision...

SENATOR SCHIMEK PRESIDING

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...by encouraging them to get whatever information is relevant.

SPEAKER BROMM: My only concern, and I think I told you that over there, is that the gist of this is to try to get a determination from the county before spending umpteen thousands of dollars to find out that you're not wanted in that location. Do you think with your amendment that you still have a chance of that being accomplished? Do you think the applicant will be able to get a feeling for that before they go through all of the expense they must go through to get the DEQ or EPA permits? Or do you think this is going to be a way for the county to impose such expense that they'll go through all that and it will be futile in the end because a permit will not be issued?

SENATOR BEUTLER: I understand you want to avoid that. And so would I. I would want to encourage the county to deal on an objective basis and intelligently...