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SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I would agree with that...

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...we're not trying to cut out their prerogatives, as I understand it. But we're trying to get them to decide early.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: And, see, I agree if they set the standards and meet them. I'm just...I'm determined that there may be extraneous, for lack of a better word...other requirements put on them that, in essence, once they're fulfilled,...I'm very leery...there's lots of money been thrown down the drain over the last years in here in futile attempts to get in compliance. And that's what has livestock operators very concerned. And once again, I think there's more...even though we've had problems with DEQ in some people's minds, there has been more objectivity there...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Time.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...than other cases. And that's my concern.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Bromm, you're recognized to speak.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Madam President. When Senator Beutler showed me the amendment initially, I said that I wanted to support it and that I thought that I probably would support it, because I didn't think that it's anything that couldn't already be done as a condition under the original language of the bill. And I think I still feel that way. However, I hear what Senator Wehrbein says, and I do have concerns. But as I was speaking with counsel about it, too, another way to look at it is this. If you make an application and a county gives you a two-page list of things that they want that are quite expensive and elaborate, and maybe even would suggest that they're going to go beyond what the expertise of the DEQ would require, that might be a very early signal right up front that you're not necessarily going to be very welcome, and your odds of getting your permit are probably not very good. And you might want to take that signal and spend your efforts and time and money elsewhere. So there are two ways to look at that. I think