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we're going to continue to work on this bill, even...unless it's killed, of course. I hate to use that word. I shouldn't have said that word. But if the bill goes on, I think we'll continue to work on the bill. I'm willing to do that. And I'm going to vote for the Beutler amendment, even though I have some of the concerns that Senator Wehrbein expressed. But I'm not sure those concerns wouldn't be there anyway. And if those people in the counties that feel that we're trying to deprive them of information in some way, which is not the intent of this at all, are comforted by this language, then I'm comforted as well. And I would hope that there would be a signal from them that maybe the bill isn't so objectionable to them. So having said that, I'm going to vote for the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Cudaback, you wished to speak on the committee amendment, right? Senator Wehrbein, you are recognized.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Madam Speaker, members, I was just going to finish what I intended to say before. I still am going to vote against it, because I definitely agree with Senator Bromm, if you're not wanted in this county, I think the sooner we know it, the better. My concern is that you don't spend thousands of dollars. And once again, the way this is written, Senator Beutler, all information relative to the setting of conditions, I would easily foresee someone coming in with a dozen conditions, local conditions that have to be met, which would not be unreasonable. What happens if those 12 are met, and then it says, all information...oh, by the way, we need another dozen things? You know, at least at the state level we have standardized forms at DEQ. I mean, they are very extensive. They go on page after page after page, the ones that I've seen, those applications. But at least when you get to the end of that list, you're done. I can see county boards demanding more information after the first set. It's not standardized. And I'm just mostly concerned...I would like to agree with the intent of this. I really have no problem on the...but I worry about the details that could rise from this. And there's going to be thousands of dollars spent for no avail. I agree with Senator Bromm. That's ..in a way, if counties...this would be an early tip off that you're not wanted. And perhaps that's