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have been more appropriate to say "senatoresses." (Laughter) But taking that into account, I do appreciate the discussion, Senator Chambers, Senator Beutler, and others, and the questions. And I know that we'll continue to look at the bill. We'll continue to try to work with it as we move on with it. I ran across...I'm going to quickly summarize the bill. Number one, as it stands with the committee amendments, we will have a process of designating livestock friendly counties. If those counties that desire to participate or have that designation apply to the director of the Department of Ag, he would have the authority to make that designation. Secondly, it requires that the Department of Ag shall be a resource, or a source of information. If a county gets an application for a livestock permit and they want to know, where could we go to get more information on how to control odor, flies, or to...how much space do we need around this facility so that we don't cause problems for neighbors, where do we get that kind of information, they will be a repository and a reference so that they can direct them to people that have done research and have perhaps technological solutions for those concerns. Then it...with the amendments that were adopted, one applying for a special exception or conditional use permit can request a final determination by the planning commission or county board, which will need to be issued in a timely manner. It can be issued subject to any conditions that are identified by the commission or the county board and, with Senator Beutler's amendment, after they receive whatever relevant information they feel they need in order to subject the permit to those conditions. Lastly, and I think this might be one of the more helpful things in the bill, when a county planning commission or county board grants or denies a conditional use or special exception permit, with its decision they shall issue a statement of factual findings arising from the record of proceedings that supports the granting or denial of the permit. I think that's terribly important. And as...just ironically, someone provided me a seminar information that...some seminar information handed out in the year 2000 at Kearney, Nebraska by the Nebraska Association of County Officials. This was a seminar on county planning and zoning. And there's quite a bit of information in it. But let me read you the conclusion of the handout. And this is exactly what we're trying to do with this bill. In