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LB 754

SPEAKER BROMM: That's correct, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Bromm would move to amend with AM1577. (Legislative Journal page 1505.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bromm, to open on AM1577 to LB 754.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Mr. President and colleagues. Following the General File debate on LB 754, we had several meetings with interested people, including what I consider to be very valid concerns from the county zoning people and the county officials organization, to be more specific. As a result of those meetings, we developed what we felt was a little bit clearer section for that portion of the bill that talked about conditional use permits. And I will tell you, this was worked on a lot, and I appreciate the work of the people that did work on it a great deal. And I want to mention Senator Kremer and his legal counsel as being very helpful, as well as Senator Burling and his staff, Senator Erdman and his staff, and the counties themselves. Now we did two or three different versions and we finally came with AM1577. And after the circulation of the amendment and the indication that it was probably going to be supported by those that were involved, I know that very, very recently, I understand now that there are some concerns and that the county officials are not officially taking a position of support or neutrality but perhaps are still in opposition. And I regret that a lot because we did work very, very hard to try to get something that they felt would be positive for them. My feeling...let me explain what this does. This amendment basically makes a couple of changes. It builds on what Senator Beutler did with his amendment in dealing with the issue of what information could be requested by the zoning board or the county board in making this decision. And the portion of this amendment that deals with that says that such special conditions or requirements to be imposed may include, but are not limited to, the submission of information that may be separately provided to state or federal agencies in applying to obtain the applicable state and federal permits. So what we're saying is the information that's requested before a determination of the