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SENATOR JANSSEN PRESIDING

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Kremer. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I was at the committee hearing when this bill was heard, as a member of the Agriculture Committee. I have looked at amendments and proposed amendments, and for the life of me, I can't figure out what this bill is really supposed to do. So I'd like to ask Senator Bromm a few questions.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Senator Bromm, will you...

SPEAKER BROMM: Yes, Mr. President.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Bromm, what will be different if this bill is passed from what exists now? And let me ask it another way, too. What is the problem, specifically, that this bill is designed to address?

SPEAKER BROMM: I think, to answer that in kind of a broad fashion, Senator Chambers, number one, it's...if the Legislature adopts it, it says that we think agriculture...that the livestock is important to the state.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, excuse me, the part that we're talking about now on the zoning.

SPEAKER BROMM: The zoning portion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I am sorry. I should have clarified.

SPEAKER BROMM: Sure. I think what would be different in some cases would be that the applicant would have an opportunity to find out whether there is a reasonable chance that he should continue to try to locate whatever his proposal is in that location, or whether he should abandon it early on before he undertakes a great deal of time and expense. That is...and also to suggest that there be findings by the body that considers the application as to what the requirements are or the reasons for