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SENATOR CUDABACK: I did. You may go ahead.

SENATOR THOMPSON: I'm sorry. I was talking to my legislative aide. Must have been gesturing when I talked to him, so. My concern, you know, with this, I have listened to the debate before and I guess I had some questions about...just from a policy standpoint, but...and about livestock friendly status and so forth when I had to vote on it. But now with this amendment, this kind of casts this a lot farther than just the issue...the original narrower issue, and so now my county is quite interested in it. And they say, while they feel it's unlikely they'd ever request a livestock friendly status, the impact on the granting of conditional use permits has far-reaching consequences for them. And going back to my experience on the county board, which is awhile back, but I was there for eight years and the third time I got defeated and it was...one of the big issues was that we'd sited a landfill. So I certainly understand the issues that come before county boards and the pressures that come on them when they have things that are difficult to...and emotional and trying to weigh science with the emotions of the community that may or may not want things in their area. So I understand that. But I'm just kind of...want to make sure I understand the process so that I can carry this back to my county folks who have questions. And so, Senator Bromm, if I could bother you to ask you a couple more things about this whole issue on the conditional use permits.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bromm, would you respond?

SPEAKER BROMM: Yes, Senator Thompson.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Did this section have a public hearing on the conditional use permits? Or you...I know you said you'd worked with some people. Has this part...before...it's my understanding it was a little narrower before and now it's broader. I'm not sure that all the counties may have realized it, and if they missed the boat it's their fault. But has this, what's contained in your amendment, been part of a public hearing process? I know this was an Ag Committee hearing. Is that correct?