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SPEAKER BROMM: Well, maybe we can make it easier to understand. This language...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SPEAKER BROMM: ...was drafted, you know, after a lot of discussion and meetings and so I'm sorry if it's not clear enough. That's definitely...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Well, it may just be me.

SPEAKER BROMM: ...that's definitely the intent.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: But you explained it very clearly to me just now, and when I read the language over and over and over again I still wasn't quite sure what it meant. So thank you very much for that explanation. I was a "not voting" on the first round. I'm not sure that I'm going to be able to support this on this particular round, and I guess part of the reason is because of this particular amendment, because I think it does take us a little bit further afield than perhaps the original bill did. So with that, Mr. President, thank you very much.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion of the Bromm amendment, AM1577, to LB 754. Senator Erdman, followed by Senators Jones, Vrtiska, Preister, Beutler, Wehrbein, and Cunningham. Senator Jones. Senator Erdman.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, I do appreciate the comments and I've been trying to discuss with Senator McDonald, because we've also been in discussions with the same individuals, and I've received a lot of legal opinions on this issue and I rely also on not only those that I've received from opponents but others that are also within the discussion that have an extensive background in environmental law, in trying to figure out what it is that we're talking about. I think we need to divorce two issues here. One, we have a group of people that seem to think that if you stop this bill you'll stop large operations. That is not what we're talking about. If you don't want large hog operations,