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time, so I would have called you and...the question has been called. Do I see five hands? This is on Senator Vrtiska's time, not on Senator Jones'. Still see five hands. I do see five hands. The question has been called. The question before the body is, shall debate cease on AM1577? All in favor of the motion vote aye, opposed nay. Motion before the body is to cease debate on AM1577, offered by Senator Bromm to LB 754. Have you all voted who care to? Motion is ceasing debate. Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 2 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Debate does cease. Senator Bromm, you're recognized to close on AM1577.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Mr. President. This amendment, as I indicated in the opening, was done as a result of several hours of discussions and meetings, primarily with counties, county representatives, and even in the initial meeting with legal counsel who's handled some of these cases challenging zoning decisions. Be that as it may, I think that this clarifies the other language that's in the E & R amendments, and so I think it's an improvement to that language and I would ask for your support in that regard. I would also take this opportunity to say that I particularly have noted the questions and Senator Thompson, I think, brought a point home to me that honestly hadn't really occurred to me, and that was that in the initial green copy of the bill we were dealing with, yes, zoning, but we were dealing with primarily the Livestock Waste Management Act. And so an urban county wouldn't necessarily have picked this up on their radar screen, I don't think, and that I certainly recognize. And should the amendment be adopted and should we continue to work on the bill, I'm certainly willing to talk about whether or not it would be best to qualify this language so that it applies to livestock permits, special use permits, if that is the preference. Now I think there's some policy in here that's good policy no matter what it applies to, but I don't want to...I don't want to have people think that we've done something here that they didn't have a fair chance to have a hearing on or that Senator Schimek didn't have an opportunity to have in her committee if she feels that it should be in her