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exists now. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members of the body. I guess I would like to just reiterate a little bit what Senator Baker said and what Senator Bromm has said also. I think this is an important part of the bill. And I don't think anybody on the Agriculture Committee or anybody else had anything to do with referencing to this committee. Some of the comments that Senator Chambers made that I would agree with. But I keep looking at this not to enhance the large operations, but the small ones. And I've said for several years, since our zoning requirements, and many of the restrictions have come into play, that it's probably going to hurt the smaller ones, smaller livestock operators more than it is the large. I think we've not seen any large operations go away. But I was just sitting here, trying to think, within about a ten-mile radius of where I live, what has happened...and I don't even...we feed a...have a small feedlot for cattle. And I think just about everyone else has quit in the last ten years, and many of them just because the requirements and the restrictions that they have and the cost of it, that felt like it's not worth it. And I know that some of the information going out is saying this is just to help the large operations. But I think it's just exactly the opposite of that. Profitability I know has a big part in it. But I think, as a small operator, that we have to compete with the large operators. If we were guaranteed...I think I've seen some of the reports out that they were losing \$16 a head on hogs. That's why many people are quitting. If you were going to make \$20 a hog...per hog that you sold, think what that would do for the mega operations, how profitable they would be. So that would not really make any difference. It would probably help them more so. I know we need to do everything that we can to try to make it profitable. I think the small operators, that we can compete, because it...in the wintertime we're not as busy in the farm, you can use the same labor with livestock. You can save...use a lot of the same machinery. There's things that we can do that we can be more...that we can compete with the large operations. As far as the cost of the livestock friendly designation, the Department of Agriculture felt like they could