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national regulations that are coming down that will affect particularly larger livestock operations, and the hoops that will have to be jumped through there, and the record keeping that will have to be done. And that's all well and fine. But are we a state that can't at least say, we want to encourage in those counties where they want to increase livestock production, we want to encourage that, we want to facilitate that, we want to be a resource for those counties if they want to find out what they're doing in Iowa or Wisconsin or New Mexico to make the environmental situation more tolerable? We...do we not want to go there? I am astounded at...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SPEAKER BROMM: ...anybody who'd want to take out that section of the bill. And I have not heard one reason to do that. I've not heard one reason why the Department of Agriculture should not step up to the plate and be a leader in this area. Now, we're going to be talking about taxes and all of that kind of thing, and tax breaks, and tax base. This is a positive bill. This is a...not a negative bill. It is a positive bill. And I hope that we realize that we're trying to do something here not to give anyone an advantage, but to promote an industry and provide opportunities in the state that will be positive locally, as well as for all of you as taxpayers, and your districts. The better tax base and economy we have in rural Nebraska, the less stress on our infrastructure, on our health and human services in...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SPEAKER BROMM: ...the other areas of the budget. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator McDonald, on the Chambers amendment.

SENATOR McDONALD: Mr. President, members of the body, I think the issue is the threat of losing the local control. As I heard from many of my counties,...I don't know that I got any letter of support from any of my county commissioners, wanting...or, to support this bill, and especially as the amendment that we just