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not like with one or two sows anymore, like when I was a kid, and you could make some money. But then,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: ...I could get a haircut at that time for 50 cents. Right now it's a little bit more, even though I have to pay the same amount that other people have to pay that got a full head of hair, like you, Mr. Speaker...Mr. President. My haircut is the same as yours, so. But there is a lot of future out there. And I think we need to have a positive spin on it. And I see nothing in this bill that relate to anything about big or small. And I think we need to keep it that way. I think everybody should be doing the same things to help with the environment. Those are my comments. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. Senator Beutler, followed Senators Vrtiska, Wehrbein, and Erdman, on the Chambers amendment, FA1344, to LB 754. Senator.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, I wanted to make a couple of comments about the structure of this bill, and then maybe follow up to Senator Wehrbein's...on Senator Wehrbein's comments and throw in my two cents worth, because the socioeconomic issue of large operations versus small operations obviously has become infused into this bill and is probably one of the causes of the bill. But the bill is divided into three parts, remember. The first part is the part about the Department of Agriculture taking a positive, aggressive stance with regard to its relationship to the counties, and trying to encourage zoning ordinances that are livestock friendly, and to that extent, for me personally, I certainly don't object to that. I think the interplay between the county and the Department of Agriculture will be further educational and enlightening for everybody. And I do think that large operations are necessarily a part of the future of the rural community. The only thing I hope doesn't happen is that everybody and their brother starts coming in for a whatever friendly county; that is, all agencies coming in and trying to shape the counties to be friendly to their particular points of view--an environmental friendly county, a business friendly