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and I don't want someone to invest \$40,000 and then find that, at the last minute, that they can't move forward, even after they've spent that kind of money. And I will...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SPEAKER BROMM: ...use some more time on my time to answer some of your other points, but that's exactly why Senator Beutler's amendment takes out a very important part of the bill. This portion of the bill gives the applicant an early indication of what obstacles, what conditions, what thresholds they must cross in order to have hope that they will be able to expand or locate their livestock operation in that particular location. And if it is a threshold that they feel is more than they can afford, or if they don't want to do it, they'll have an earlier indication before they go through, hopefully, all of the engineering costs and the other expenses associated with getting the state and perhaps federal permits.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time. Thank you, Senator Bromm and Senator Hudkins. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Schimek, on the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I want to once again refresh our memories about the counties that are actually zoned in Nebraska, and it is not quite accurate that three counties are not zoned. It is more accurate to say that 16 counties are not zoned. We have 77 counties that have permanent zoning status. We have eight counties that have reported adopting a comprehensive plan, so they are on their way to the permanent zoning status. We have three counties that are working on a comprehensive plan, and we have five counties that have no plans to pursue zoning-related activity. And I just wanted to clarify for the record that only 77 counties in Nebraska are zoned totally, have adopted their permanent zoning status. Having said that, I would like to indicate support for the Beutler amendment and I think it goes some way towards pacifying some of us who are concerned about the bill and what it does in terms of perhaps dictating to those local zoning entities what they shall and shall not do. I might go one step further, Senator Beutler, and I might, in Section 2