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rational basis.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time. Senator Bromm, on the Beutler amendment.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Mr. President. I stand to oppose Senator Beutler's amendment. There have been lots of hours of work on this section of the bill and the good work has involved county zoning people, in trying to implement their decisions and their suggestions into this component of the bill. I don't think there's anything at all wrong with having a process that is intended to give someone who's going to invest a tremendous amount of money, if it's a sizeable permit at all, giving them an early indication of what the expectations are of the county zoning board and of the county board of supervisors or commissioners so that they can assess whether, in fact, they can meet those conditions before they go full blown with the EPA and DEQ work that has to also be done. And there's nothing wrong with a county, a part of that process, saying that when you have accomplished these five or these ten things, you come back to us, and if you haven't changed the plan and you haven't changed the size of the lot, location of the lot, and you've secured the appropriate permits, then you come back and you'll get your permit; but if you have changed it, we're not going to be required to give you that permit without analyzing it further and perhaps even having another public hearing and determining whether, in fact, we can still give you...issue the permit. So, to me, it's extremely logical, and some of the counties that I think are very astute on zoning in the agricultural areas, I think this process is one that they feel is appropriate. Now I think for the record I need to mention something. Senator Beutler said, or he asked or mentioned, whether or not this early final determination would be something that could be appealed. There's a general statute in Chapter 23, and I don't have that in front of me because I didn't think I was going to mention this, but I think I should. There is a general appeal statute from all and any decisions of either a zoning administrator, a planning commission, county board that basically says you have the right to appeal a decision of a board or of a zoning administrator. We're not touching that law. We're not changing that law. So if a decision is made at