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any point in the process, I think under that general Chapter 23 statute it is appealable. Now I only say that because I think we need to have clarification. And the statute, the statute is 23-168.02. If you don't like the decision you get, if the county has a board of adjustment you go to the board of adjustment first, and that's standard procedure and we're not touching that. And if you don't like the decision of the board of adjustment, you have a right to appeal. And in my opinion, that will not be impacted by this legislation one way or the other. So I just want to say that for the record. To review what Senator Beutler would be taking out here, he'd be taking out the portion of the bill that says...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SPEAKER BROMM: ...if you go to the planning commission or county board and you take it upon yourself to request a final determination, you don't have to do that, but if you want to do that and you do, then in a timely manner they determine whether they intend to grant or to deny the permit, and what the conditions would be if they should choose to want to grant it. And then after you've met those conditions, they would come back at a later time and request issuance of the permit. No public hearings are being eliminated. In fact, there's probably a potential for another public hearing. If they come back and they have changed their permit or their application in some fashion after the initial determination by the board, there very likely could be another public hearing at that point, I would think. So I would just urge you to defeat the Beutler amendment. There are a couple of Chambers amendments that follow that that I will support,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time.

SPEAKER BROMM: ...and I hope we can get on with the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion of the Beutler amendment. Senator McDonald, followed by Senators Baker, Kremer, Connealy. Senator McDonald.