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just on last Thursday after the amendment was passed, I received from Hall County, I received Cass County, and I've received from Holt County, just to name a few of those that I've just received lately. So you do have people that are at the county level opposing this bill. What about the arguments and about this bill that has zoning changes that did not have a public hearing and were not in the original copy of the bill? I support Senator Beutler's amendments because that's what my constituents want me to do, and also my zoning people and my county commissioners also. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator McDonald. Senator Baker, on the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members. I want to get back to the practical reality of this. There was some comment made about the counties that are not zoned, and this wouldn't apply to those counties that are not zoned so that's, to me, a nonissue. On the livestock friendly designation, I'm repeating myself from an earlier talk, that that's optional. It's not a mandate; simply an option. I'd like to poll the body, not now, but I'd like to have anybody who's attended one of these zoning hearings from start to finish, let me know who it is. I have. I've attended several of them. The reality of it is, it sometimes doesn't work as you'd think it would. As an applicant, if I go into this zoning hearing, say here's my plan, this is what I want to do, how many head, so on, et cetera, I'm going to go get a DEQ permit before I begin construction, what stipulations, what do I have to do? And the county zoning board says, you...we will grant a conditional use permit with these stipulations on it. It might be, you know, obviously your setbacks and so on from housing and so on, et cetera. But then, when I leave that meeting and they say, we'll grant you this conditional use permit with these stipulations, and I go spend the money on the engineering, spend the money getting my DEQ construction permit and so on, I don't want to have to come back to that zoning board and say, here it is, grant me my permit, and they say, no, sorry, we changed some things; we now put a smell test in on this. And I speak from experience here. I'm not making these things up. We decided we have to put a smell test in on your dairy and if there's a