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person within a mile of the dairy says it doesn't smell good ten days in a row, we'll have to go out and have a public inspection and so on. And the person says, no. That's when they left, walked away. They said, no, we're not going to go through all these things. We had a permit granted; we were getting our construction permit issued and so on, and we're not going to change the rules in the middle of the game. So that's what this bill does, is address a final determination. And board can put...that zoning committee and the county supervisors can put whatever they want to in that. They can say, yes, you can have it but here this...you have to agree to these particular requirements. Point is, we don't want to have them changed after we go to the expense of having engineering done. In some cases go ahead and purchase the land, execute an option, get the permit from DEQ and so on. That applicant doesn't want to have to go back and meet a group of additional requirements. That's what this is doing. Says here's the rules; we're all going to stand by them and play by them. You get the permit. We issue you a permit for construction, your conditional use permit, and you're on your way. And to me, that's just good business sense that we not come back after a person has gone through all these expenses, as Senator Bromm has stated, and have the rules changed on us with some additional requirements. We can't expect people to come into Nebraska, make all these investments, and then not know where they stand when they get the permit. So these local boards can put whatever stipulations and mandates they want on you, but let's do it up front and not after you've gone through all the expense. We need a final determination in a timely manner and we can go on and determine. And in the case that I'm familiar with they said, no, we can't do these things, and left. But...and it was an ongoing process. If it had all been done up front, he'd have never started the process in the first place. So I rise in opposition to Senator Beutler's amendment, and I'd be glad to talk to anyone who' actually sat through a zoning committee meeting, and several days worth of them actually, and seen what they had...or like to hear what they have to say. Because the reality of it is, way it is now, it's simply driving people out of the state, and it's not the big operators particularly we're affecting. We're choking off the small people who can't take any chances and they have no legal staff on board. They just can't take the risk of having