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to spend excess money they wouldn't have to to try and get a permit. So I'm in opposition to this...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR BAKER: ...amendment, and certainly support the bill as it is now amended. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Baker. Senator Kremer, followed by Senators Connealy, Jones, Bromm, and Beutler. Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members. I won't take my full time. I think we had plenty time on this, but I'd like to just make a few comments on the...some of the discussion that we've had on trying to do away with local zoning. That is absolutely not true. The original bill did have some statements in there that were a concern and all the...almost all the amendments that are on here now were in response to what happened at the hearing. The original bill talked about if someone met all the requirements and they went and got their DEQ permit and their county zoning permit and came back and then were denied the permit, that the burden of proof would be on the local county board that why they did not grant the permit after they met all the requirements. That did strike a note that was not very palatable to many people as far as zoning. Senator Beutler...or Senator Bromm, I'm sorry, had an amendment that he submitted at the hearing that said after all local zoning rules are adhered to, and then so forth...(inaudible) after all the local zoning laws and regulations are adhered to, and that's the intent all the way along. The intent of the bill and the final determination is that you would, up front, be able to know what the requirements were that you were going to have to adhere to. Somewhere in that process you could get a determination by the county. Now I know one county that says, when people come in to get their permits, that make sure you get your county permit, your county approval, before you go to the state DEQ for their permits because it can be very costly, and make sure that you adhere to all the requirements and all the regulations, all the setbacks, all the lagoon procedures and the linings of the lagoons so it