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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kremer. Senator Connealy, on the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR CONNEALY: Thank you, Mr. President, members. As I stated last Thursday, I do have problems with this section of the bill. I think that it's trying to do the right thing. I think that the main thing that we want to do is help counties and producers come to an agreement and not add burdensome costs, but zoning is relatively new in this state. I think a lot of the problems that we're seeing comes from that, and I think that they're going to work out in time. This could actually raise the bar in counties and actually put more restrictions on counties so that they don't end up with a final determination at the beginning of the process that they don't want to live with at the end of it and, thus, we could end up with less livestock production in certain counties and I think that would be a real problem for our state. Our goal ought to be to help counties and producers work together, and zoning, in my estimation, isn't about keeping people out or anything like that, limiting growth. It's about helping develop and grow industries and the livestock industry is a very vital part of those industries in Nebraska. We ought to give the counties all the tools we can, but I do have a problem with this section amendment so I will be supporting the Beutler amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Were you through, Senator Connealy? Thank you. Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES: Question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The question has been called. Do I see... (recorder malfunction)...there have been. There have been eight people talk, Senator Beutler. There are three lights on remaining. We will let the body decide if there's been a full and complete debate on the subject. Do I see five hands? I do see five hands. The question for the body is cease debate on FA1345, offered by Senator Beutler. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We're voting on ceasing debate on the Beutler amendment, FA1345, to LB 754. Have you all voted who care to? Have you all voted? Senator Jones, did you rise for a purpose?