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SPEAKER BROMM: Okay. (Laughter)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: There are several places in the E & R amendments, which would become the bill, that I might inquire about, but I won't do it right now because there was a "may" in the...it may have been the intent language or that first part about granting that designation as a livestock friendly county, and I was wondering why it was not mandatory that certain language be included. Oh, can you go to the E & R amendment,...

SPEAKER BROMM: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...which is AM7099, AM7099,...

SPEAKER BROMM: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...on page 1, because it kind of ties into the way we're approaching things. In line 21, it says, "A county may remove itself from the process at any time," just so you'll locate with me. The next sentence begins, "Such criteria and standards may include, but are not limited to, the following factors." Why should not that word "may" in line 23 be "shall?" Let me tell you why I ask you that. With the word "may" being there, none of what we put in the statute needs to be included in the criteria and standards, does it?

SPEAKER BROMM: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If we're not going to require that it be included, why do we specify these items, which I think are good because they give notice to people who are interested in that process of what the Legislature thinks ought to be there? So the question I would ask you, if we made that "shall" a "may"...I meant change that "may" into a "shall" so that...and we would still leave "but are not limited to" in laying out the criteria, how would making it "shall" hurt anything? Because I don't see it, but it might be there.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Chambers, I don't think I would have any problem with that. The reason that I believe it's "may" is that when the Department of Agriculture begins to actually formulate