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haven't monitored the Ag Committee as closely as I should have. And I think I can understand that. Naturally, we are concerned about the changes in Section 3 of the bill regarding special use permits. We feel that this could lead to some unintended consequences and potential litigation. Would it be appropriate to strip those changes from the bill and to leave the legislative intent and the duties for the Department of Agriculture in developing criteria for a, quote, livestock friendly county, unquote, if after developing this criteria it may then be the time to consider possible changes to the zoning language and to ensure a proper hearing before the Government Committee? Since January 2002, the Sarpy County Board has handled 11 applications for special use permits. Six of them dealt with placement of cell towers. And, incidentally, that can be quite controversial. Others included a commercial dog kennel, that too can be controversial; a seasonal recreation establishment; a word...a woodworking cabinet shop; and dredge...to dredge sand and gravel, and to extract, process and sell aggregate. Of these 11, 4 were approved, 4 were approved with conditions, 1 was withdrawn, and 2 were denied. With the cost of land in Sarpy County, I doubt that we will ever face too many livestock applications, but the bill would have impact on all of our special use permits. There is enough language in Section 3 that could require judicial interpretation to keep our county attorney's office busy for a long time. And I respectfully disagree with the bill's sponsor when he states that this should result in less litigation, not more. And then...that was from Sarpy County. There's one here from Holt County, one from Cass County, one from...another one from Holt County, and one from Brown County. I, you know, I haven't been checking my e-mail all day, but this was sent up to me by my office and I suspect that you're all getting these kinds of e-mails too. I really don't think that a lot of people were aware of the bill until we started discussing it. So I would just reiterate that county officials have great concern about this. I think if we adopted the Beutler amendment, we would go a long ways towards alleviating some of those fears. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. It is 11:30 and, as the agenda...11:50 rather. Excuse me. And as the agenda