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SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SPEAKER BROMM: ...the information is accurate. So...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. And then the second thing, can they also make a condition the fact that there may be new information that could not otherwise be discovered with due diligence that might come up between the time of the final determination and the time of the approval of the final permit? In other words, I assume you would not want a situation where some new very relevant and meaningful information came up before the final permit, the second stage of the process, was approved. Could you condition your original final determination...we're getting mixed up by the words here, but...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time. Thank you, Senator Beutler. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Chambers, on your amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I want to answer some weighty questions that Senator Wehrbein presented this morning. He did not address them directly to me, but he mentioned some of the comments I made, so I feel somewhat constrained to respond to his questions. He had asked if what I had said is true, and he agreed with it, that the family farm concept is a thing of the past, that the old days, whatever they were, are not going to return. Those things being true, what is to be the fate of rural Nebraska if these large livestock operations are not to be allowed to function? He pointed out the numbers of animals necessary to make one of these operations profitable. I do not disagree with or challenge any of those things he said. However, in answering his question, I have to say this. The people who live in those areas are a part of a republic. They have a right to choose representatives. Those representatives must be independent and free to make decisions they feel are in the best interest of their constituency, which consists of the people in the county they represent. Who better is able to say what is in the best interest of those people than the people and their representatives? That is the ideal. We know that there are times when elected officials stray from what their constituents would like them to do. Sometimes because the elected official has more information, is in a position to