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LB 754

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment, Senator Chambers, FA1348. (Legislative Journal page 1593.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on FA1348 to LB 754.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, philosophers often argue over whether a supreme being can create a stick six inches long that only has one end. Well, we know that's impossible because for it to have a definite length means it must have a beginning and an end. So the question would have to be asked, can a stick be created with only one end? If it were to be so, there would be a beginning but the other would have to go to infinity, never come to an end. Every coin must have two sides. This is the flip side of the coin and you just gave the first side with that other amendment. This is what would be said in this one. On page 2, after line 19, would be an additional new subsection. Counties are not supposed to be restricted by this bill from doing anything they otherwise could do. So because we're talking about these designations, this is the language I would add, and I've shown it to Senator Bromm. "Nothing in this section shall prohibit or prevent any county board from adopting a resolution that designates the county a livestock friendly county." If the county wants to reach out to these operations, let it do so. But here is the way I view this situation. Negotiation is possible between the county board and the representatives of these huge operations. Let those who represent these huge operations visit various counties that would be amenable if the board would agree to supporting one of these huge operations. They have sufficient water, space, forage, or whatever else they're going to need, and inquire of these counties whether they want one of these operations and that would give these operations a quick notice as to whether or not they'd be welcome. Why does the Legislature have to come in and do the work of these big operations? We are not doing the work of anybody else. The little operations are not the ones targeted, are not the ones being turned away. In fact, the vast majority of those who apply for these permits and its special exceptions get them. So for whom are we carrying water as a Legislature?