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take that into consideration. So where would be the difference?.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, they could take it into consideration. The dilemma is that there is many, many thousands of dollars spent in the process and then at the eleventh hour, so to speak, it's decided not to do it, and all of that work and money has been spent for naught. And I think that's really the concern here.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Wehrbein, I have read examples where land was purchased for a certain type of structure and all of the permits were obtained, then as excavation was undertaken, it was found that the soil was not firm enough to support the weight of the structure, and that structure could not be built. Don't you think there is a measure of risk in any commercial venture because we're talking about commercial ventures here?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: There probably is. Yes, there is a risk.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then let me ask you this. Why don't we then take the county boards, take the zoning commissions out of the mix and let the state dictate? Why don't we just do it openly, nakedly, and without pretense?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, because I think most of us still believe in local control to a degree, and I think that if...you know, the, what do I want to say, the attitude, I think, is important here. If counties truly are skeptical of livestock enterprises, whatever their size and, frankly, it varies by counties, there is no sense having these kind of battles, if you will, versus counties that are more accepting of larger livestock operations, if that's the issue. The dilemma is even modest-sized operations, in many cases, are not readily accepted.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But if we are not dictating their acceptance, why do we tease around the edges and create a difficult time for the county board to act independently? If we want to mandate the placement of these operations in the counties where they choose to set up, why don't we just dictate it from the state