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LB 754

Senator Bromm and others, AM1969. (Legislative Journal page 1873.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bromm, you're recognized to open on AM1969 to LB 754.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. President. Music to my ears; I'll withdraw the amendment. (Laughter) This bill has been a journey. We had hardly gotten started with the bill, and my wife commented to me one night, I think you like cows more than you like me, and it went downhill from there. (Laughter) My fan mail increased terrifically. One person sent me a fan to disperse the air around the bill, in case the odor got too strong for me. Some said that I was representing big pigs. I didn't feel my constituents represented that. We fended off a lot of things, a lot of folks. Senator Beutler and Senator Chambers were very active. And my friend Senator McDonald also is quite active. But it's all...there's a lesson in it all, and that is very well put in Senator Chambers' salutation about staying the course. Because after enduring all of that, we have some very fine words spoken on paper about some fine words that I must have said on the fifth day of May in the year of the Lord 2003: Stay faithful and hold true to those words, Brother. And so that's what we're going to do. And with that, I just want to say that I do appreciate all of the input. And oftentimes, I think, good results, or better results come out of all that hard work and input. Senator McDonald and I spoke several times, and she has agreed, I believe, and I'll let her have whatever time that I don't use on my opening, but I think we have agreed on AM1969. And let me just briefly describe what it does. It does two, I think, items that are somewhat important. The word "final" appeared in numerous places in the bill now, and in the amendment. And I found, starting several weeks ago, that there was some confusion, I think, that resulted from that, because what we were asking for and what the bill was doing was to have the planning commission or the county board, whoever makes decisions on permits, special permits and special conditional use permits, to make a determination as to whether or not this facility was going to be received, and had a good chance, with whatever conditions they impose, of receiving a final permit, after complying with the conditions. The word