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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you. You may continue. You're on your time now.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Thank you, Mr. President. The current language deals with each class of livestock waste control facility. Now we're striking that and saying, "upon the premises of an animal feeding operation." Where would this feeding operation be located?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Well, it's very common for individual producers, whether you're...and in this case we're talking mainly beef and we're talking pork, and there will be some dairy and poultry involved also.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How will a determination be made as to where this demonstration facility will be located?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Where the single demonstrations? I'm not sure about that. That will be left up to the Department of Environmental Quality. I'm not sure if the university is going to be involved, but there's certainly the potential for that to be involved.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Schrock. As I said, there are questions that I have and you can see that the introducer of the bill doesn't have the answers right now. I'm mentioning that to underline what Senator Preister said about the complexity of this bill. By my using the term, I simply mean, in one sense, at one level, there are a lot of individual components or parts that make up this bill. When you go to a higher level, the term "complexity" refers to the difficulty of understanding some of the individual components, then how they tie into others. But right now I'm just dealing with the differing components that I see without trying to get a complete understanding of everything. But one thing I want to be sure of, that as "animal feeding operation" is substituted and utilized, I want to be sure that there is no way that animal remains can be mixed into the feed of livestock. I don't trust individual producers; I definitely don't trust DEQ. And what can be done if we leave too much to rule and regulation, if we