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SENATOR JONES: They don't even have to file if they don't make a change then.

SENATOR PREISTER: Correct. The language in the amendment I think is pretty clear. It says only those modifications, only those changes, have to be updated annually. If there are no changes, if there are no updates, if there are no modifications they don't have to submit anything. There's no requirement.

SENATOR JONES: Okay. Thank you. I've still got some concerns and I'm going to oppose the amendment because I think it's going to take in some people that we don't want to take in. And I know that everybody is kind of...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR JONES: ...heading for the big operator, but I still think that it's going to include small operators. So I'm going to oppose the amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jones. The issue the body is discussing is AM3168, offered by Senator Preister to the Natural Resources Committee amendment to LB 916. Further discussion? Senator Burling.

SENATOR BURLING: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members of the body. I stand in opposition to AM3168. Simply unnecessary overkill, I think. I don't think we need that. I think we're covered sufficiently in that area. We have policy in this state that incents businesses, like LB 775, incent ethanol plants with the EPIC Fund. Seems to me we have policy in this state that disincent small businesses and livestock production. I prioritized LB 916 because I thought it was important for us, through statute, to coordinate the regulations of EPA and the DEQ as it relates to the Livestock Waste Management Act. I think it's important that we encourage livestock production in Nebraska because it is economic development. It provides jobs, creates wealth, and it expands the tax base. Over the years recently, livestock production has changed significantly in the country, and it's not going to change back. It continues to require concentration of larger numbers and confinement in small