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places, and that presents a challenge to us as policymakers on how to encourage this kind of economic development and still protect the environment, and it must be done. I think it can be done. We have technology that can be used to expand these types of businesses and still protect society. But there's a fine line between how far do we go with regulation to actually encourage these types of facilities to move to other states and then wonder why we don't have an expanded tax base, a fine line between that and protecting the environment and society. In this bill, there will be permit fees for large operations. These livestock operators want to do what's right and I think LB 16 (sic) would help them in their management decisions to abide by the rules and regs. It allows for this to be revisited in three or four years so the future Legislature can come back and look at it again. And I think that this bill goes a long ways toward satisfying the interest of all the parties involved, so I encourage your support of the bill and I'm opposed to this particular amendment, AM3168. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Burling. Senator Vrtiska, on the Preister amendment.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I too rise in opposition and I think a lot of reasons have been given. We have to acknowledge certainly that this is a complicated bill, there's no question about it. It's difficult to understand as you go through it, but it appears that we're trying to heap more stuff on a complicated bill that's already difficult to understand. My big concern, and I make it very...I'm going to make it very plain, my biggest objection to this amendment is the fact that what we're going to try to do is drive the little man out of business, because he's going to have to meet all these extra regulations that he hasn't been able...hasn't necessarily been able to meet before because he's small. He doesn't really...hasn't been the person that's caused all the environmental problems that we discuss here, so we're going to drive him out of business and we'll (inaudible) the big operator, because he has the expertise and ability to meet all the requirements that are going to be in this legislation. So what we're going to do is translate from the small little operation out here that's been providing food for the people of