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that a county's zoning regulations are taken into account when DEQ gets the application. And I would call your attention to part (b) of the paragraph. It begins on page 22 of the amendment, after line 10, and it's paragraph (b). And it says, and I quote: "The department," meaning DEQ, "may approve an application for a permit, construction approval, or major modification of an application if the applicant has met all local zoning requirements, as evidenced by receipt of a certified letter from the county board or boards as required in this subsection." It goes on to say that "If the department does not receive a certified letter from the board or boards then that condition for issuance of a permit is deemed to be waived." In other words, it's the county board's responsibility to get this information to DEQ, and they have 14 days after that process is...after their zoning hearings and all of that and their decision is made, they have 14 days in which to do that. So if they don't do that, then DEQ doesn't have to even consider the county's wishes in this matter. So my objective in this amendment is to focus us back on the zoning part of the process, apart from the environmental concerns. And I would be very interested in hearing how others in the body may feel about this. I know it's a hot issue, and I know...what I told Senator Schrock was that I was going to introduce this amendment on General File, with the idea that we would talk about it, hear about it, and then refile it on Select, since it just got filed this morning and it is a fairly substantive kind of amendment. So with that, Mr. President, I would be...I would like to return my time to the Chair.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, this would add time to the amount of time it would take to get a permit for a livestock facility. I believe the time added would be 60 days. It is some concern of mine. I appreciate Senator Schimek bringing the amendment forward, and with the offer to refile it on Select File. I think that's a good idea and I'll take her up on that offer, if that offer is genuine. It does add time to the process, which you would maybe say adds more hoops, makes it a little more difficult to locate a livestock facility in this state. The zoning issue was discussed