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a limit on what DEQ can do on that. But anyway, I wanted to raise the issue, because I think that people out there cannot expand the way it is right now. And I have a letter here from Ivan Rush, and he is a beef specialist, University of Nebraska Panhandle Research Extension Center. And he makes a comment on how it's...right now, it says, the expansion and construction of confined feeding operation in the Class A cold water stream area, as the law is currently written, it will restrict the expansion of cattle feedlots, when the reality may be cases that they are very close to zero chance of allowing any runoff that would go into that streams. And he also goes into the fact that they want to try to keep the streams clean themselves, and not let any runoff in it. So they're really concerned about that too. But it could be that this two miles, the far end of it could be a shed water going the other way, not even towards the stream. So that is a concern. But anyway, I wanted to talk about it just a little bit and tell you that I have introduced an interim study for the cold water stream, and we'll have that study this...before the next session, to maybe work something out. So with all that information that we could get together for that, I think it would be real important to figure out whether we could get away with not having the two miles in there, because I don't like the way that's in the state statutes. But with that, Mr. Speaker, I'll pull the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The amendment is pulled. Mr. Clerk, next amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment I have, Senator Preister, AM3605. (Legislative Journal page 1559.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Preister, to open on AM3605.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President, members of the body. I did hand out a sheet that should be on your desk at the time. Its heading is: NPDES general permits issued. On that, it shows at the very top a listing of one of the cattle permits that was issued. This particular operation has 85,000 head of cattle, and it was issued one of the general permits that LB 916, under the NPDES, will be granting. NDEQ is already