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me by Dave Sands. I think most of you know who Dave is. Senator Preister, I appreciate you offering this amendment and having the discussion. And I also appreciate you willing to pull it. The other side of the story is that all these large facilities have gone through the permitting process. They are being inspected at an annual basis. The public does have a chance to complain if there is things that they see that they don't think is operating properly. And they do come out and investigate. I did have a feedlot in my county pay a fine, and there's...this past year. It was a rather large fine, to a problem I think that they are correcting now. Probably, if somebody hadn't been so stubborn, this could have been avoided. And I'm not talking about DEQ; I'm talking about the operator. I also have two of them under investigation for violation of these rules. It's probably their fault, not DEQ's fault. But as near as I can see, DEQ is doing their job. When you have a large concentration of a lot of animals, it does create problems. We recognize that. We also recognize that the livestock industry is valuable to this state. And Senator Preister, if we can do something to improve these regulations in the future, I'd be glad to work with you, listen. I understand what you're saying. But I think at this point in time I'm...I commend you for pulling your amendment and letting us move forward. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator McDonald, on the Preister amendment.

SENATOR McDONALD: Mr. President and members of the body, this bill has been very important in my district. And I would like to thank Senator Schrock and his office for all the work they did on this. And I know it wasn't an easy bill, because we had many meetings coming together and trying to get some satisfactory solutions. And I know that Senator Preister has worked hard on this. And I know that we haven't been able to all come together on what we think the focus of this bill should be. And I thank Senator Schrock for allowing us possibly to come back next year and to work on this again. But I do know it's an important bill. We do need to get it passed this year. And with that, I'll return my time. Thank you.