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all kind of starts in Section 8 of the bill on page 5, where it defines...or where it requires that an exotic animal auction or swap meet organizer, and that's the definition, shall maintain And then it goes on to describe a fairly complicated set of records that they have to keep. When you look back, then, on page 9, line 7, you'll see the definition of exotic animal auction or a swap meet organizer, and you'll see it includes four or five categories of people. It includes, for example, those who lease out areas for animal...exotic animal auctions or swap meets. The problem is that that definition can include more than one of those categories. For example, you could have somebody leasing out space for an auction but not organizing it. But both of those people would be defined as organizers, and then if you flip back to the requirement on page 5, you would then be requiring both of them to keep these, this elaborate set of records, when in fact, you really only need, and it was only intended, that one of them should keep the records. Consequently, the amendment then says that a person in charge, as identified by rule and regulation of the Department of Agriculture, of organizing the event would be doing the recordkeeping. So I think that satisfies and makes a little more clear the aim of the bill and would recommend that change to you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. You've heard the opening on FA453 to LB 856. Open for discussion. Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I support Senator Beutler's amendment. I think it is, the way it is written, a little confusing, that it could be that each of these different people could think the other one was reporting to the director of Agriculture that the event was going to take place, and maybe no one would do it. So I think it narrows it down and makes it more clear, so I will support the amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kremer. Further discussion on the Beutler amendment? Senator Beutler, there are no lights on. Senator Beutler waives closing. The question before the body is, shall FA453 be adopted to LB 856? All in