

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE
Transcriber's Office
FLOOR DEBATE

February 22, 2006 LB 975

opening. Members, would you please push your lights on again, if you wish to speak to any of these components. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, Senator Schrock, I'm really not attempting to harass you on this portion, but could you just explain how this works? On the face of it, it puts in new language, so some place else there must be stricken language. I assume...let me ask you this. In substantive terms, this is making no difference? Explain again what difference this is making in the whole process, in substantive terms.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator...are you asking Senator Schrock a question, Senator Beutler?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes, please, Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock, would you yield?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Beutler, I wish I understood it totally, too, but I don't. But this says that while they're waiting for the new rules to come down from the feds...and unfortunately, I'm afraid this body is going to have another livestock waste bill next year, because the Environmental Protection Agency, the feds, don't probably have this right yet. But this says they only have to file once, and each application for a major...they have to get an operating permit, a construction permit, and an NPDES permit--or, or. They either got to get an operating permit, or construction permit, or an NPDES permit. And it's language that was recommended by DEQ. It's...under the green copy of the bill, NPDES is listed separately and it has its own modification, so we have to comply with the green copy of the bill, and I think we're getting there, but I'm not sure. (Laugh) I don't know if I'm helpful or confusing, and I don't totally understand it, either, but I think we're getting there.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, the amendment seems to say that with regard to these various permits--an operating permit, a construction permit, a construction and operating permit, or