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CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Section 18 of the original amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The amendment has been adopted. (Visitors introduced.) Mr. Clerk, please, next motion.

CLERK: Mr. President, the third component of the original amendment consists of Section 17 of the original AM2387, Section 17. (FA485, Legislative Journal pages 750-751.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Schrock, to open on FA485.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, this section deals with the fact that if a current operation has to get a new permit--they already have a permit, but they have to get a new NPDES permit--then it says the county board and zoning commission shall grant the permit and they shall be allowed an expansion not to exceed 500 animal units or 10 percent, whichever one is the greatest. It's very expensive to put these facilities in, and if we don't do this, if we don't say this, there are livestock operations in this state that could be shut down, even though they have not changed their operation substantially. And I think it's very important to put some guarantees like this in for our livestock operations. And, Senator Beutler, this is the one, apparently, that you want to discuss. Basically, it says if you have a livestock feeding facility and you currently have a permit but you don't...but you need to get a new permit, then...and your application meets NDEQ specifications, then the county may not deny that permit. And it says that you can expand, but not to exceed 500 animal units or 10 percent, whichever is the greatest. I think that's pretty plain. Senator Beutler, you can have the rest of my time, if you want to respond.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Cudaback, Senator Schrock, thank you. I would ask you all to take a serious look at page 1 and the first half of page 2 on this amendment, because I think this is