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because I'm not sure that that's what the amendment does yet. So, I will...I'll come over and talk with you off the mike, and maybe you can straighten me out.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'll do the best I can.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members, I was going to...I was following Senator Schimek and having some of the same issues that Senator Schimek had, in terms of trying to figure out exactly what the amendment did. But I...in my conversations about this bill with the people out in the lobby who know something about it, what I have come to understand is that we put in place legislation about requirements that was far in excess of what the federal government required, or maybe they didn't even require it at that point in time, and now that they have put their rules and regs in place, their requirements are a little bit less for smaller producers. And what I understand about this bill is that it deals with producers that are not required by the federal government to have the same standards as some of the larger producers. And so it keeps in place the standards we put in place for larger producers who may be able to afford and may have a number of animals that would require more stringent processes in place. But it makes it a little bit more negotiable for smaller producers who don't have the number of animals and who can't afford some of the very much more costly processing for waste. So I'm going to wait and hear, once Senator Schimek finds out from Senator Chambers exactly what this amendment does, before I decide how I feel about the amendment. But I do think that the bill, the intention of the bill, is to deal with smaller producers. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Brown. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the way this amendment is crafted, it is to AM2387, which is what we were dealing with yesterday. Now, there may have been some changes with other parts of it, because a couple of items with which nobody had disagreement were accepted. But the underlying amendment itself was not voted on, so Section 17