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SENATOR CHAMBERS: And the only reason that we have been told is...that there should be the automatic increase is to offset the cost of the modification that is mandated by the federal change in regulation.

SENATOR SCHROCK: That's the reasoning. Yes, you're correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. I just want my colleagues to know that I understand what we're talking about, even if they don't. And I know Senator Schrock knows what he's talking about, and he knows that I know what he's talking about, and he and I are talking about the same thing. The problem is that we don't agree on the approach. We have agreed to this extent—that permit that is necessary to comply should be mandated. That should be automatically forthcoming, and I think Senator Schrock is aware that I am in agreement with that.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock, followed by Senator Chambers.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Chambers, you're right on target. You know what's going on. And what I'd like to do is to help people offset those costs by expanding. We did have a hearing in West Point this year. And as you know, Cuming County is the largest cattle feeding county in the state. And what we heard from producers what, I've either got to get out of the business, or, if I've got to build these facilities, I've got to expand. And the original bill that we had considered, the original proposal, was for 1,000 animal units, and the committee, for whatever reason, thought that was too large, so we went down to 500 and the 10 percent. And you know, the 10 percent is rather large for a large animal unit, so in an effort to be collegial, I've been willing to drop the percentage, so it would just be 500 animal units. And so that's where we're at. That's...so we're on the same page; maybe different verse, but same page. How's that sound? Do you agree with that? Do you want the rest