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LB 975

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 975 is on Select File. Enrollment and Review amendments have been considered and adopted. When the Legislature left the issue on February 23, pending was Senator Schrock's original AM2387. That amendment had been divided into four subsequent pieces, the first two of which have been adopted. Pending, Mr. President, is FA485. Senator Schrock, I did have an amendment to FA485 that was pending, but I have a note that you want to withdraw that amendment, Senator, specifically, AM2423.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Yes.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn.

CLERK: Mr. President, then I...we're back to consideration of FA485, and I do have amendments to that. (Legislative Journal page 750.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. Clerk, motion. Senator Schrock, if you would, it's been a while since we've been to this. Would you kind of refresh the body on what FA485 is?

SENATOR SCHROCK: LB 975 is the livestock waste bill, and it's a bill that we've worked on. And then we got in a big discussion on Select File concerning an amendment that I had on a bill that came out of committee that would require our counties to...them to grant the permits for existing livestock facilities if they had to make modifications due to state or federal regulations. And then there was a discussion about whether the...whether there should be expansion allowed. Senator Chambers and I had a good discussion on the floor, and we did reach an agreement, and that agreement is as follows. If it's a 5,000-head lot...or if it's less than 3,000 head or the equivalent in dairy cattle, it shall be allowed a 500-head expansion to help offset the cost of the waste facilities that would need to be constructed. If it's between 3,000 and 5,000, it shall be allowed a 300-head expansion. So that's where we're at. And I think Senator Chambers is agreeable to that. I understand Senator Chambers does have an amendment pending that would change the word from