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heard, had a hearing, reported out unanimously by the Government Committee Affairs...Government and Military Affairs, and is part of the Raikes amendment. I join in Senator Raikes in asking for AM3003, and that's the second half of this amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Raikes, did you wish to continue? He does not wish to continue. That was the opening. Now we are on discussion. Senator Landis, did you wish to...he does not wish to speak. Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I'd like to engage in a little discussion with Senator Raikes, if I may, please.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Raikes.

SENATOR RAIKES: Yes.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Senator Raikes, in the new portion of that bill, can you explain to me what you're really meaning by "farmstead," and then a building on that farmstead that is not a residence and they turn it into a residence? Or what does this really have to deal with?

SENATOR RAIKES: Well, it's somewhat technical, Senator. It actually doesn't change anything about the definition of a farmstead, but it relates to the definition of nonfarm buildings. You have people that will convert a farm building, a barn, for example, into a residence. So in that instance, currently, it's not clear that a county has the authority to require a permit or impose zoning regulations on that sort of a venture. So really, this simply deals with the situation where you've got a farm building that's used for a residence.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: So in other words, Senator Raikes, it would be like if there was a residence on the farmstead, and they decided they wanted to have another residence on there, and...but there's this beautiful old barn that they would convert into a residence, and that would...that's what this is dealing with?