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the opportunity to speak their piece. I like Senator Bohlke's amendment because I am still, still very concerned about those 20-some counties out there in the Sandhills area that are basically very small population counties. And, you know, when the smaller the county is, the more difficult it is because everybody knows everybody else and you have really, when you get into some of these issues, almost verbal warfare. And so I think it would be very helpful to have an outside body, i.e., DEQ come in and conduct a hearing in some of those counties that don't have any zoning at all. And, yes, it's their own fault. I have said that before and I'll say it again, they should have zoning. But if they don't, there ought to be a public process. And that's why I'm rising in strong support of the Bohlke amendment and really depending on what we find out about the possibilities for hearing. And maybe, Senator Preister, you can answer the questions that I have about what's already in place for hearings if the county is zoned or if it does have interim zoning. And if you could, and I have some time left, I would be happy to turn my time back to you or over to you to try to answer those questions. Could I yield to Senator Preister, please?

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Yes. Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Senator Schimek, if you have somebody that's checking specifically on that, perhaps that would be a good way to get your own answer. I think in those counties where there is zoning there is a zoning commission. The zoning commission would act when there's a change in zoning obviously, and they may also need to act, and I don't know...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR PREISTER: ...if in each case they would actually act where there isn't a change of zoning. So they may then have a public hearing as a part of that process. Senator Schimek wanted to ask another question.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you. But did they have to have a hearing? Yes, the planning and zoning commission has to act on it, but do they have to have a public hearing on it? I think that's the question.