

willing to do that as Chairman of the Ag Committee, and I think we had only 15 bills, this year, referenced to us. I think we had time to take care of more than that. It was nice to be done early and have some Tuesday afternoons to do the things we wanted to do, but I think we could take more of the workload, if you'd let us do that. Back to the point in hand. I'm going to stand in opposition to the amendment that Senator Withem has brought. I think that as I read through Section 1 I have no problem with what it says or what it does. I think it's very forth right and very truthful about how it presents the issue. And I would urge that we not accept this amendment because I think it helps to provide legislative intent on the issue. And if you look at the wording, Senator Pirsch went through the wording with you fairly carefully. These things are all very true statements, and they're all very apropos to our problem? I think we need to have this kind of language there to address the problem that the agriculturalists have. Like the second something that Senator Coordsen said, and that's the importance of the livestock industry to this entire state. It's the number one industry in our state, the livestock industry. And we're talking about breeding livestock, we're not talking just about cows, we're talking about hogs, about horses, we're talking about even dogs for that matter, sheep, anybody that buys any of these animals and uses them to produce are subject to a tax. And I think we owe it to all of our constituents, statewide, to support this type of legislation. By the way, this amendment was not a bill that was heard in Revenue Committee. This is an amendment that addresses a bill that was heard in Revenue Committee, but this is not the exact bill that was introduced to Revenue Committee. So I urge your defeat of the Withem amendment and support of the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Madam President, members, it's good to see a senator like Senator Coordsen stand up and be up front with us and say, hey, I might use this as a tool to go on a little further. It's good to see that in the body. I also don't blame maybe Senator Lindsay and Senator Withem for being not necessarily scared, but apprehensive and maybe want to put a brake or two on here. But I would recommend passing this bill on, and then as Senator Coordsen said, sit down with Senator Withem, Senator Lindsay and whoever and maybe come up with a compromise, come up with some of the words that we could take it out that wouldn't be misleading or whatever, and go on from