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SENATOR DIERKS: You bet.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Jones. Senator Dierks on the committee amendments.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. President. I want...I forgot to tell you that I had the pages pass around a report that was done on the Department of Animal Industry...the Bureau of Animal Industry as part of the research program review committee. And I've passed that around so you could take a look at what they found, as how the department is structured and how it's functioning and what some of its needs are. Because it addresses some of what we're talking about. The other thing I wanted to tell you about, and I've watched the news and I get e-mails, four or five a day, relating to BSE, foot-and-mouth disease, chronic wasting disease in elk, all these things we're talking about. And I continue to hear on international, national, and local news, TV, papers, that people have caught this BSE, which causes Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, from cattle with BSE. And it has not happened. And I've heard people who are supposed to be knowledgeable about this issue say that. And it just hasn't happened. It's never been proven in this country or any other country that people with Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease got it from any other animal that had the same type of encephalopathy. It just doesn't happen. So I think that the press is making a great big issue out of it, and I wish they'd get it straight, because they're not telling the people the truth. Just like, all the information you saw in the paper about the slaughtering of these sheep over in Iowa, sheep are being killed because they have mad cow disease. Well, they didn't have mad cow disease. If they had anything, they had scrapie. We've had scrapie in this country for years and years and years, long before I went to veterinary school, which is a long time ago, Senator Chambers. I'll graduate 40 years this spring. And we talked about scrapie there, and we knew what that was. So people get all concerned about this thing, and it's unfortunate, because I don't think it helps the cattle industry or the sheep industry either, or even the hog industry, for that matter. I think it's harmful that we have this sort of thing going on. If you recall...I think I told you, Senator Chambers, last week one