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country?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Not necessarily here. But there could have been a greater degree of it in England and Europe...

SENATOR DIERKS: Oh, I see.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...than we know about.

SENATOR DIERKS: Well, that's possible.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And I won't continue to question you, because maybe we're not really getting to what the body is interested in. But I think when we talk about the direction the bill is going, it may be the opportunity to offer some amendments or ideas that may be helpful. I'm not going to try to do it here on General File at all. But if we can alert people to the nature of the problem, then if we can come up with some amendments...and right this minute I don't have them...people will at least have a notion of where those amendments are intended to go and what is intended to be accomplished by them. The final comment I will make...this is my third time, isn't it, Mr. President...that these things that we're talking about are not made up. They are realities. The hope is that they have not come to this country. Some deer were wiped out in western Nebraska and checked for wasting disease, and none of them reportedly had it. But we know that those diseases are in Nebraska. I don't know, because I'm not an expert in any of this, exactly what causes these diseases, exactly how they're transmitted. But when you deal statistically with the areas where human beings have come down with these diseases, and there is a causal connection, at least statistically, between consuming infected meat and the disease, it creates a serious enough public health concern that the state ought to be doing, in my opinion, more than has been done to date. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Dierks, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the