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that bill had been passed and briefly summarizing what that bill said. And he didn't ever want it to be a piece of information that could be construed as being proactive in one direction or the other. He wanted it to be neutral. That's what he thought he was doing. That's what I thought he did, and I believe it's worked well for 13 years and I don't see a good reason for doing away with it. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I haven't weighed in on this yet, but I think that the point has been brought out a couple of times that this more or less is a social problem. And I've got letters here from three different schools in my district, from the superintendents, that wanted me to be sure to support this bill, because they don't want to mess with it anymore. So I think that I'll be against this amendment, and also supporting of LB 172. There's been the issue been brought up on BSE quite a bit here today. And I guess, me being in the cattle business, that I just wanted to make a few comments on it myself. A lot of people wonder, well, how come it's not in the 30 month and younger? Well, they've got an incubation period that there's no way to even know whether any animal has got it, because it...incubation period. And cows is the only ones it's going to show up on it. And they kill the 400-and-some calves out there, they won't find anything in any of them calves, because it just will not show up. I think what hurt our cattle business more than anything in this country is they showed one Holstein cow over in England, showed it over and over here, and that couldn't be the cow that caused the problem because that cow was slaughtered and then the head was sent to Ames, Iowa to be tested, and they had it a week before they could get the result back. And that's going to be the problem with testing everything, because they're going to have to figure out some way to speed up that test, because they got to do it while the beef is cooling and hanging, before they can say whether it's got it or not. So there's no need of testing anything under 30 months. That just shouldn't even be considered. So...and then we got downer cows. I haven't been able to take downer cows to Gibbon Pack for several years. Their regular slaughter houses that butcher a lot of cattle is just all young stuff anyway. Your