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meaning. I would like to ask Senator Schrock a question, since the part I'm looking at goes to language in his bill. Senator Schrock, what is the meaning of the words "more or less resembling"?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock, will you yield?

SENATOR SCHROCK: Senator Chambers, the feral swine, the wild pig, whatever you want to call it, if they are not in a domestic herd, they soon become a wild critter and they take on different appearances. For example, they're probably not going to eat the kind of a ration that a domestic hog will eat. They'll become thinner, they'll become faster on foot, and they will probably...they're a night creature. They'll be around and you won't see them because they don't...they won't do their destructive work in the daytime. And, in talking with the Pork Producers Association and the Game and Parks, they're fairly confident that they have a good definition. That's why it's important to call the Game and Parks if you think you have spotted one of these critters, so they can come out and identify it. I hope that...I hope that helps a little bit.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Yes, but not completely. But since I only have five minutes this time, I'm going to move to the next part and then I'll have other opportunities to speak. We go on with the definition, "more or less resembling the wild is apparent." I won't get on "apparent." Then we continue, "or," this means that the critter is not necessarily more or less resembling the wild, "or otherwise freely roaming swine having no visible tags, marking, or characteristics indicating that it is from a domestic herd, and reasonable inquiry within the area does not identify an owner." What does "area" mean? Because here we're talking about swine that don't look like whatever the traditional notion of a wild swine is. We're just talking about freely roaming swine now without any markings of ownership.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What does "the area" mean, first of all, where this reasonable inquiry has to be undertaken?