

have some concern about the bill. I would be glad to go through it section by section but I think it would be better if Senator Kahle and others spoke to the bill and then I took those parts of the bill that had not been addressed or would answer questions that you might have in specific areas on the bill.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President and members, before someone accuses me of having a conflict of interest, I would like to set you straight. While I do have a son that has been prominent in the hog business and you know that we honored him last year for being...with a resolution for being the outstanding hog producer as established by Hog Farm Magazine, a national circulation, but I never have and do not own any hogs at the present time. I shouldn't say I never have, I have, but not in his operation but I have been cognizant of what has been going on in the hog industry, perhaps through him and perhaps through my other interests. Pseudorabies for those of you that may not understand the disease is a strange and unique disease. You can buy serum today and vaccinate your stock and your hogs, and if a test were taken later, it may show that they are immune or do not have pseudorabies and yet they can carry the disease. It covers it up is what happens and, of course, that is our only solution right now is to vaccinate to stop the loss. The loss is with baby pigs. The first few hours and days they are born, if the pseudorabies outbreak, they die like flies. It is a terrible economic loss to the pork producer. This, I guess some of the things that I have been confronted with is some hog raisers, pork producers have called me and said they didn't know there was such a bill existing. The bill, of course, as Senator Schmit has said, was introduced last year and I think they had two hearings while we were in session last year. They have had three over the state at least this summer and fall and so most pork producers should certainly have known about it. To my knowledge, and I wish we had this documented, the veterinarians at one time were divided on how we should handle this situation. I understand now at their meetings they have decided to support the bill and perhaps think it should even be stronger than what we have in LE 36. And the pork producers, I know a lot of you especially in the rural areas have had calls pro and con on this issue but there, as I mentioned yesterday when we crowned...when we acknowledged and honored the Pork Queen, there are twenty-four different pork production associations in the State of Nebraska. They meet separately. They have their own officers. They work in their own area. They also, of course, have board members