

on the Nebraska Pork Council. The Nebraska Pork Council, if my information is correct and again I wish I had the documentation, of the twenty-four units of pork producers in Nebraska, there is one unit that may be opposed to this bill, I am not even sure about that, but they voted unanimously to support LB 36. We know it is not a perfect solution. There is no perfect solution and Senator Schmit mentioned hog cholera. I at one time thought they were absolutely nuts when we couldn't vaccinate our hogs any more but we were bringing the disease on the place with the virus...

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute.

SENATOR KAHLE: ...we were bringing the disease on the place with the virus and then we were giving them serum to combat that. So it was pretty hard to really eradicate hog cholera and it did destroy some swine, it did destroy some herds to get rid of the hog cholera when it did show up, but as Senator Schmit mentioned, we think we have that situation conquered in the United States, not only in Nebraska. So we do have some concerns for the sale barns and the sale barns have been very good to the hog producers with their checkoff program and the last thing they want to do is hurt the sale barns but it is a tough situation because some feeder pigs do go through the sale barns. I am sure that others will bring you up-to-date on a few more things but I think my time has run out so thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, I guess I am going to have to be a little bit different than Senator Kahle. I am not going to be able to stand up here and say that I don't have any conflict of interest here at all because I do raise hogs for my source of income but I think maybe the fact that a conflict of interest exists perhaps just means that maybe I know a little bit about this subject. But I have been trying very hard, and Senator Kahle also indicated that the pork producers have known this bill was around for a couple of years, I have been trying very hard the last few days to understand myself what it does. Now if the average pork producer out there understands this bill, I will eat your hat. I consider myself an average pork producer and I don't understand everything in this bill and I don't think they have the opportunities that I do. But I would commend the Agriculture Committee and Senator Schmit in particular for the work that they have done on this bill, and it seems to me that they have gone to great extremes to try to get compromises in effect in this bill that Senator Kahle pointed out both sides of the industry are not quite