

that the proponents of this bill are people who do not have the disease such as former Senator Waldo who is for the bill and so forth, but as Attorney Whelan out at Hastings says the reason he doesn't want the bill or the reason he does want the bill is because his pigs don't get sick and this might be true. On the other hand those farmers who are out there raising pigs and who have herds that would be done away with are not carried away with this particular bill. The state of the art, as I understand those who talked on the bill, is at the place where we have a vaccine that will cure pigs of the disease. However, when we are wondering whether we have the disease on a particular farm, if you are going to vaccinate them all, you give them a slight case of the disease itself and then give them an antitoxin to do away with it so that your pigs will not become infected with the disease further and die of the disease. Most of the time, as I understand it, the disease, the pigs do not die with this disease. They get sick, they lose weight, they lose their appetite but with medication they will get over it and become healthy pigs. Now regardless of whether the pig is sick or not with the disease, they are edible and we do eat them and we don't know whether they have had it or not and there is no carrying of the disease to human beings. In addition to the state of the art, as those who were speaking about it say that we are on the threshold of accomplishing something more useful, more sensible in handling the disease. Well, the feedlots can be ridded of the disease if they want to do away with their herd and allow the lot to become dry and sit in the sun for several days and this will do away with the disease entirely. That is what they told us at the hearing. So I think that perhaps we are a little early with this bill. I am not going to vote for it and I don't think we are ready for it. I don't think the bill is drafted or in shape to be passed at this time. I visited with the hog growers in my area and they are not carried away with it at this time and they feel that at such time as other states and other areas around us wish to cooperate, we are just treading water or wasting our money on this particular type of legislation. So I would urge you to have a thorough look at this before you push the green button. Even though you may not be interested in the hog business in any way, I think we should look carefully before we place this on farmers who are not carried away with it.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Remmers.

SENATOR REMMERS: I hesitate to oppose this bill. I gave it weak support in committee, and like Senator Nichol said, we heard both sides of it for many hours and I can certainly feel it is an important issue that we need to address some-