

where down along the line but I don't believe we are quite ready for this type of bill today. I have raised hogs not too many years ago under the SPF program. I know the problems that the SPF producers have with controls. One of the big problems, of course, is the vaccines that we have today, if you blood-test the hogs afterward, it is difficult to tell. They will all test positive if they have been vaccinated so you don't know whether they have the disease or not, whether they are carriers or not. The national organizations have not been in agreement. I don't believe they are still in agreement. The disease is an old disease. It has been around for years in Europe. It is quite rampant in some states. True in Nebraska it may not be so prevalent that it would still be a good time to control but we don't know how to control it. If I am going to protect myself from a flood, I usually know what to do. I could build a dam or I could build a dike to keep the water out. If I want to keep the neighbors kids out of my yard, I can build a big fence around it. I know how I can keep those kids out. But in the case of pseudorabies, we don't know how it gets in. We have had suggestions that all herds within a mile radius of a diseased herd should be tested but generally there are no herds within a mile radius that have the disease, and these people that pick it up have no idea where they get it. I have got a SPF producer in my area had established a new herd. This pseudorabies hit him. He was here at the first hearing feeling very strongly that we just absolutely had to do something to control it. I talked to him just recently. He has reestablished his herd. He cleaned out, sold everything out and since pseudorabies is sort of a virus type thing which does not live outside the body, the lots will soon be cleared up. The virus will die and you can restock. He has done this but again now he is beginning to see the danger, the impossibility of really controlling it. How do we control something that we don't know how it is spread? I think there is a new development though that I think I would like to call your attention to. I just had this sent to me by a pork producer from my area. In the first quarter of the Purebred Press, 1982, which is a purebred service organization that records swine records and all major national associations are members of it and receive this Press and they state that preliminary work at Iowa State on a subunit vaccine for pseudorabies looks very promising. The vaccine would allow differentiation between animals that have been vaccinated and those with the field virus, something we are presently incapable of doing. Although the vaccine could be more costly than those presently available, the advantages particularly for purebred breeders far outweigh the disadvantages. The present SM test will not work in conjunction