

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President, I have a question of Senator Schmit. Senator Schmit, I may have missed this in the amendment but what will this do to sale barns? Now is that amended out?

SENATOR SCHMIT: No, we have provided that...there has been a lot of discussion about that. The auction markets have been concerned about whether or not they could move the swine back to the farm. At various times we have had proposals that would allow a movement once through the sale barn and the auction market representatives were concerned that it might not be sufficiently flexible. On the other hand as Senator Remmers has pointed out, that points of concentration are natural areas for dissemination of the disease and for the spreading of the disease and, therefore, there needs to be some kind of control. If you move the animals to slaughter, of course, there is no problem, but when you move animals through a concentration point...I should check that once more...but there needs to be a procedure followed that will allow or will assure that noncontaminated, noninfected animals are going to go back to the country.

SENATOR COPE: I have had a call or two, of course, from feeder pig auctions where they do sell a lot of pigs and their understanding is that they have to be quarantined which is almost impossible. If they also have to get out of the business and clear up the problem, that really puts them out of business because if they miss, I don't know how many, several auctions people get out of the habit of coming and I understand their problem, and yet I certainly understand the problem of pseudorabies, too, and I just wanted to be sure I understood.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Could I add one comment, Senator?

SENATOR COPE: Yes, I would like you to.

SENATOR SCHMIT: The auction market people are very concerned that they not become disseminators of disease. They have really leaned over backward, and I can say this very honestly and sincerely, they have leaned over backward to assure the farmer customer that, both the seller and the purchaser, that the disease will not be spread through their premises, and although as you have pointed out they are concerned about business also, there is perhaps good evidence to indicate that less disease is spread through a regulated supervised auction market than might be spread from my farm sale to your farm sale and so we have good cooperation from the auction market people and they are serious about trying to do something that will guarantee as much as possible that