

tell whether that animal has pseudorabies. It has to be sent to the laboratory. It has to be handled in a specific way so that it is kept the right temperature and a few other things that I am not really sure about and then it is run through a machine to determine whether that is a positive or negative reaction. So it is a tough situation to determine the disease and it is expensive, and a lot of that expense right now is going to the hog producer and, of course, the University and we've alloted some money in the past to do some of that, so they are in that process. The sale barns that are concerned, if I read the bill right, if you bought pigs from a sale barn you would have to isolate them for thirty days and that may or may not be a problem. If you have a number of pens and they are not too adjacent to each other, you certainly could get by. I guess the disease is so serious that I just feel that if we don't do anything, it is just going to get worse. The solutions we have now are not all that great. There is no question about it. The breeding stock, of course, the breeders are the ones that are really concerned about it because if you bring a boar on your place that is infected, you certainly are going to get the disease and so Ron, my son, that does that, he brings the new boars on the place, they are put in isolation for a period of time, and then they are tested before they go in with the rest of the herd. So the pork producers that are on the ball are really trying to keep the disease in control.

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute left.

SENATOR KAHLE: Now I know I haven't answered everything you have asked me, I am not sure I can. The cost, as Senator Schmit said, I guess we can't even give you a figure.

SENATOR KREMER: Who pays for the testing under the bill if you want your herd tested?

SENATOR KAHLE: I think Senator Schmit can answer that better than I can and I won't attempt to make a mistake here. If I understand it right, part of the cost would be born by the Department of Agriculture out here.

SENATOR KREMER: Under this bill?

SENATOR KAHLE: Yes. Senator Schmit, did you want to...?

SENATOR SCHMIT: The bill allows a discretionary authority for some of the costs to be born by the Department. Generally the cost of bleeding the swine is a farmer expense. The Department could pay for part of the expense for testing