

and there is a discussion that has been going on, Senator, as to whether or not we can get the cost of the fee down. Some areas have said the cost of testing a sample is as low as a dollar and a half per sample. The diagnostic lab has been charging four dollars a sample and there is some concern about that. But the one area where the state would be required to pay for the testing is where the provision that requires mandatory testing. For example, if my herd became infected and your premises were located within one mile of my farm, then the state would demand that you test your herd, and under those conditions, the state, of course, would have to pay for that cost. Now if we wanted to make that discretionary...

SENATOR CLARK: Your time is up. I think you can cover that in your closing. Senator Rumery.

SENATOR RUMERY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I want to set the record straight, I have no conflict of interest. It has been a long time since I have owned a pig but I have sympathy with the people who own them now. First of all, a couple of the Senators emphasized the fact that we should wait, it is not the time to move, and that is absolutely wrong as near as I can tell. When there is agriculture research, scientific agriculture research involved, we have got to move now and these two Senators, Senator Nichol and Senator Remmers, said we don't know the answers to these things. They admitted that and we don't and the only place we have hopes of getting it is through scientific research and we have got to provide that if we are going to save an industry that certainly would affect every person in the state, whether you are on a farm or not. Agriculture research is a long, long drawn out affair. You get weary with trying to get to the bottom of it and these two men admitted that we don't know the answers but we cannot get the answers by sitting still and doing nothing. I would like to ask Senator Schmit a question or two.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, Senator.

SENATOR RUMERY: Senator, does this bill provide for any agriculture research at all?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Of course, Senator, the participation of the staff at the diagnostic lab is going to continue research plus, of course, the very fact that we are attempting to control the disease is going to bring about some research development. We are going to learn a lot about the control of the disease and the spread of the disease through the passage of this bill.