

SENATOR RUMERY: You have heard the answer there. It does support research work and we really ought to get on with the business. As near as I can tell, time is wasting.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Barrett. Will you repeat it please?

SENATOR BARRETT: A question of Senator Schmit, please.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR BARRETT: Senator Schmit, the question of the fiscal note, this was alluded to earlier, perhaps it was Senator Vickers, I am not sure, but I am troubled with Section 38 of the bill, I think it is on page 14 which indicates that the pseudorabies test shall be at the expense of the Department so long as funds are still available. What is the impact and upon whom at the point in which the funds are no longer available? What are we saying in that section?

SENATOR SCHMIT: We are saying, Senator, that we first of all do not know the incidence of the disease, whether it will be widespread or not, and in order to begin the program, the Department is willing to spend some money on the testing program. If on the other hand the Legislature in its wisdom chooses not to provide, you know, maybe in excess of \$50,000 or \$100,000 for the disease or less, and we run out of that money, the Department, of course, would not pay for those testing procedures but it does not affect the bill. The farmer would then have to pay for it. You know it is sort of parallel to some of the other procedures we have had in the past that when we stamped out cholera and, of course, TB in livestock required a testing procedure, Bang's required a testing procedure and condemnation, we were able to do some things with those diseases but there is, and I would have to say this, I am not sure, but I believe the Department can be discretionary as to paying a part of the cost if they choose to do so rather than the full cost and I think that probably is the route they will go insofar as the blood test is concerned. The bleeding will always be the responsibility of swine producer.

SENATOR BARRETT: The impact of the testing then would fall directly on the farmer at that point?

SENATOR SCHMIT: That is right.

SENATOR BARRETT: Okay, thank you. I, like some other speakers, Mr. Chairman, have some reservations about the bill. It has been pretty well established that the eradication of pseudorabies in the opinion of a lot of well informed people including some speakers here this morning