

a very serious issue to many people in the State of Nebraska as I am sure we are all aware. Again I would like to point out that pseudorabies is a different disease than some of the other diseases that we have through attempts of this nature to try to eradicate or to control. The fact that pseudorabies, it is not known how it spreads is one of those big reasons and also the fact that it is transmitted from species to species in the animal kingdom. Let me tell you exactly how it seems to me it would affect my business. As a commercial producer, farrow to finish operation, the only time my swine leave my place is when they go to market to become pork chops, ham and so forth, which I hope you all eat regularly. On the first page, in the definition section, it is talking about "exposed" and it says, "Exposed shall, in the case of swine, mean swine that have had a reasonable opportunity to have been in contact with an infected animal." Now recognize that swine can be infected by other animals, cats, dogs and so forth. The next sentence it says, "In the case of animals other than swine, exposed shall mean animals that have had a reasonable opportunity to be in contact with an infected animal within the preceding twenty-one days." Now if you have got a dog, as my son does, that rides in his pickup with him when he goes to town. He gets out and runs around a little bit. He has got a reasonable expectation to perhaps be infected by other animals it would seem to me. Now in Section 31 on page 9, it says, "Any person selling infected, exposed", the key word is "exposed, or vaccinated swine from the farm of origin directly to an inspected slaughtering establishment", which is what we do, take them directly to a slaughter market, "or to a slaughter market, shall execute and distribute an owner-shipper statement covering the swine so sold. A duplicate of such statement shall be sent to the bureau immediately upon delivery. It shall be a violation of this act to knowingly provide false information on an owner-shipper statement." Now I am not sure I can sell any hogs and really say that I don't know that they haven't been exposed. Now that seems to me to be some sort of a problem. I agree that it is an economic disaster to those people who get pseudorabies. It is also an economic disaster to those people who get TGE. I know, I have had that in the past. Pseudorabies is much like TGE though. TGE, your animals once you have got it on the place, then they become self-vaccinated. They have got a built-in immunity to it. Pseudorabies is the same way. As long as you stay in the business on a continual basis, then if you have it once, the chances of getting it again are very minimal, absolutely almost none. On the other hand, we have many other diseases we have to vaccinate for all the time on a regular basis because you can have it this year.