

These people that have talked to me have said that the majority of the people that are in the industry are opposed to this pseudorabies control act. They really see no need for it, and I have a note here that this was discussed at the South Central Nebraska Pork Producers Meeting and they voted 23 to 2 to oppose it. So it seems to me that from the information that I can gather that I get there is just a few people who are favoring this bill. It looks to me like it is a \$600,000 cost to the state because the fees are not collected. The state pays the cost. I don't know whether we can afford to have a \$600,000 bill added this year, or not. They are going to hire a field veterinarian and ag inspector and clerks, and maybe we should wait on this. We had 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19, 20 some opponents and about as many for it. It looks like a pretty heavy issue. So I think we should have some discussion and as I say, the input that I have, well, we shouldn't advance the bill. So I would like to hear some more discussion at this time.

SENATOR CLARK: I have three more speakers. Senator Vickers, Senator Kahle and Senator Barrett, Senator Nichol and Senator Schmit after that.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, when LB 36 was discussed on General File, I indicated at that time that I had not thoroughly made up my mind on the issue. Since that time I have done a little more studying, have attempted to understand it a little better and have decided that it is not in the best interests of the majority of the pork producers of this state. Now I need to clarify that probably I should be in favor of this bill since I have a son that is a veterinarian. I have heard comments on this floor before about various pieces of legislation and how perhaps it might be an attorney's retirement bill, I would suggest to you that LB 36 might be a veterinarians's retirement bill. I happen to be in the pork industry. I happen to know a little bit about it and as I understand the demands of LB 36, if I want to have a vaccinated or a qualified herd, it is going to have to be inspected every 80 to 105 days, all the animals over 6 months of age, it seems to me that would be a real good thing for the veterinarians. I think the issue is really one of we are fumbling yet at this point in time as to whether or not a vaccine is the way to do it or whether we want to eradicate it through getting rid of those infected animals. But to allow both procedures to take place at the same time seems