

subject of two public hearings during the 1981 session. It was the subject of three interim hearings, one at Bloomfield, Nebraska requested by pork producers; one at Beatrice also requested by pork producers; and one at Hastings, Nebraska requested by pork producers in the area where the bill is being opposed. Now with all respect to my colleagues on the committee, and I respect their right to dissent and I appreciate their comments, but I would have to point out to Senator Nichol that if he would check the record at those interim hearings that there were many pork producers at those hearings who supported the bill. There were a few who opposed the bill. There are some excellent pork producers who oppose the bill. I have never contended that they did not. As is the case with any type of legislation such as this, there is going to be opposition as well as support. The committee has attempted and I believe the Legislature has attempted, as Senator Kahle has pointed out, to meet with every possible person who has had anything at all to say about the bill. I and my staff have spent hundreds and hundreds of hours and I want to tell you that both the proponents and the opponents of this bill have conducted themselves in an exemplary manner. I don't think I have ever been involved in a controversial bill where the dissidents have been more gentlemanly and more considerate of each other and more in earnest to try to present the facts, and I say that in all sincerity and honesty. I would hope that we would continue that situation and that process here upon the floor. I would like to just.... Senator Barrett has said he is concerned, I am concerned. Let me tell you I am concerned as is Senator Kahle, as are other proponents of the bill. And let me correct a couple of misinterpretations. Number one, out of state movement of swine into the State of Nebraska is controlled by federal law. Breeding swine that come into Nebraska must be tested. Feeder pigs must go into quarantine when they come into the State of Nebraska. We have control at the present time. That control will be augmented by this bill, but you do not have indiscriminate movement of swine into the State of Nebraska from surrounding areas, fact number one. Fact number two. We don't know anything about the disease. We know a lot about the disease. I want to point out also. Senator Hefner refers to the cost of the bill. The A bill on this bill is \$408,457, a lot of money. I don't argue that point. Let me tell you also there are more than six million swine in the State of Nebraska, about a \$600 million industry. Not a bad investment to protect the \$600 million industry. Fact number three. The question was raised as to why the producer doesn't pay the bill. Let me point out to you that under the provisions