

about pseudorabies, but when it comes to control, we really don't know how it spreads. We don't know a lot of things about it. I have a person that lives right close to my home, has an SPF herd, a young fellow that was here for the first hearing, and was very much in support of the bill because he has SPF hogs. He bought his hogs from SPF herd and still ended up with pseudorabies. Well, he has cleaned out since then and started over and he is not quite as excited about the bill anymore today, although as an SPF breeder he would like to see something done. There is another SPF breeder in my neighborhood, sells hogs...breeding stock to South America, and he is very concerned. He is desperate because of what it would do to his sales, but I think he is groping for something to help him but something that I think he realizes is not going to solve his problem. As I say, we don't know how pseudorabies spreads. We don't know really what causes it. Checking all the hogs within a one-mile radius is not going to prove very much because in many cases you will find out within a one-mile radius the herds may be free but two miles out they may have them. Again I say that I am not objecting to this bill because of fiscal impact. The pork industry is certainly worth anything that we can put into it. But I am afraid we are going to cost the pork producers a great deal of inconvenience and a great deal of cost in this thing and we are still not going to arrive at any solution. From the standpoint of the SPF breeders, I sympathize with their position but I cannot see that this is going to help the situation in any way. So I oppose the bill because I feel we still do not know what causes it or how it is spread and that I don't think this is going to do the job. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, this is a very interesting bill, and I think it is a very important bill because the pork producers do add a lot to our economy in our state. I have been to numerous hearings on this bill, the pseudorabies bill. I am not a member of the Ag Committee but I am very interested in this bill, LB 36. There was one hearing held and this was held by the request of some of the pork producers in my area. It was held in Bloomfield, Nebraska. Senator Schmit told you about that a little while ago. And we had quite a discussion. It was a long hearing and there was only one...there was only one person that testified against the bill and he happened to be the owner of a sale barn in that area. We even had some veterinarians