

swine industry go down the tube. If we wait and sit on our thumbs and wait we are going to have a situation where the state will not be able to stop the growth of pseudorabies. The question was raised why the farmer doesn't have to pay, why he shouldn't pay the whole tab. This is a consumer bill also...

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute left, Senator Burrows.

SENATOR BURROWS: ...to have a healthy industry. It is extremely important to all the people of this state that we have a healthy swine industry and to write it off as a nothing disease when generally when it hits the farmer his pets all die, he goes through a lot of problems with it, I think it's totally unfair. The bill is a reasonable bill and most of the areas of the state where they have a minimal amount of it need the protection where we can have the potential in a few years of actually eliminating this disease. If we let it spread wild we will have to go to vaccination and that hasn't worked out all that well in Europe. We've got to look at what happened in the history of the disease in Europe when we make our plans here in Nebraska. We know a lot about pseudorabies. We're not working in a vacuum on it and I urge the body to pass LB 36 and take a look in the future and do something for the swine industry. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Wagner.

SENATOR WAGNER: Mr. Speaker and members, again I would kind of remind the body this has been an exceptional bill in the sense it is one of the few bills I have ever seen that has had two public hearings. It has been discussed since last year. There was a lot of things we talked about what we could do. I think really here today we can either do one or two things. We can either kind of own up to it that we do have a problem and pass this bill in hopes of controlling the disease or we can just do nothing and let it go and I have seen some of these cases where you let stuff go and in the end you really pay. It is like a "pay me now or pay me later." But I think one thing that, I had a letter from Carson Roger who is chairman of the Swine and Health Committee. He is on the National Pork Producer's Council. He is the National Director for the Nebraska Pork Producers and his last comment in his letter goes like this: "Nebraska has long been recognized as a leader of agriculture and a livestock state. With your help in the support of LB 36 we can retain the standing and move toward to first control then eradicate in the future pseudorabies from the swine industry population in the State of Nebraska. I think this really gets down to the heart of it. We can do something