

now to control the disease and I would urge your support in supporting LB 36. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator R. Peterson.

SENATOR R. PETERSON: Mr. Speaker and fellow colleagues, I rise to oppose this bill. I have very much reservations about it as some of the other speakers. I realize there is a problem with our hog industry but I feel that the hog producers themselves are the ones that are going to have to work themselves out for another year or two and until we see what causes it, I feel that I cannot support it at this time. The fiscal impact I feel in several letters I have recieved and I've got to kind of agree with the letters. I have one letter here that says that the state will pay for official tests to some of the larger seed producers. This will amount to a savings of thousands of dollars every year. Why should we ask the Nebraska taxpayers to pay the cost of doing business for seed stock producers? I think this is a law to force the small producers out of business. I've had a number of letters from producers that state this. It is my feeling also. I have great concerns about the movement of hogs in and out of the state and that has been spoken to previously. So I would urge that you, fellow colleagues, that you do not move this bill right now. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, I have listened to LB 36 for quite some time. The first discussion I had I was virtually convinced that it indeed had solved a problem. I want to read to you excerpts from a letter that I received from a good friend of mine who is a producer of about 16 thousand hogs a year. Here are some of his comments and when you say 16,000, I have a little trouble with Senator Kahle's figures. He stood up and said we have four and a half million hogs in the State of Nebraska worth X number of dollars. Senator Schmit stands up and says we have six million hogs in the State of Nebraska worth several million. There is a slight discrepancy. Let me quote to you a few points this gentleman makes to me in a written letter. "One, it has been said we have to do something to protect the herds that don't have pseudorabies. I say these herds can protect themselves by maintaining a closed herd and buying negative tested stock or by vaccination. Besides that LB 36 will not protect these herds and let me explain why. This bill has absolutely no chance at all of controlling PVR because it allows pigs infected with PVR to sell through the same facilities as feeder pigs and because it allows feeder pigs of unknown health status to continue