

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President, members, I've talked before so I'm going to make this real short. A lot of things have been said here have been said by people who don't know what they are talking about. For one thing about the purebred breeders or the SPF breeders, they certainly are not the only ones who are pushing this bill. The only reason they are pushing it is because they have a keen interest in the industry. Senator Nichol mentioned earlier in the discussion that you could sell off and in a period of time why, the disease is gone and you can restock. What with? Some more infected hogs? We need to determine whether a herd and whether a producer of breeding stock is clean or whether he is not clean and that is not an easy process with pseudorabies. There is no question about it but I just can't see how you can promote the industry and not do even what Senator DeCamp just said. We don't know a lot about it. But just to turn your back and sweep it under the rug and say, well, let's just don't pay any attention to it, maybe it will go away, and Senator Burrows mentioned the problem they have had in Europe all these years. When we were over in Taiwan a year and a half ago they are also concerned about it. They were very careful that we didn't bring it along with us from the United States. But to say that the, to finish my point that I'm trying to make now, to say that the only people that are interested in this thing are the breeders of purebred livestock is pure folly. We need those people. Our operation, my son's operation, we sell absolutely no breeding stock and yet he has to buy breeding stock and expect that to be clean and that is where the issue is. Thank you.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Schmit, on the advancement of the bill.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I think Senator Kahle has said some things here that I would have said so I won't repeat them but the bill is for the good of the entire swine industry, not just a few. Now I recognize that the swine producer that was mentioned by Senator Koch is a very capable and a very efficient producer. There are some additional swine producers, large swine producers, who have decided that they will vaccinate for the disease and attempt to operate their operation in that manner. I guess, and they have told me what a terrible burden it will be for them to test 10% of their swine if they want to prove a pseudorabies free herd. The argument being that it is easier for a small producer to prove a certified free herd than a large producer. Well 10% is 10%. 10% of a hundred is ten sows. 10% of a thousand is a hundred head. The percentage is the same and I suggest that perhaps the problem of the large producer is not any greater on the percentage basis than is that of a small producer. I recognize