

the facilities that are utilized in the production of sixteen thousand hogs in the case of one producer and eighty thousand in the case of another, a hundred thousand in the case of another. Those facilities need to be extensive and they are expensive and they are difficult to operate this kind of a bill but let me point out to you also that at the hearing we held at Bloomfield, Nebraska, at the request of Senator Hefner, a large number of swine producers came to that hearing and they protested vigorously the shipment of swine into their area from one of these large producers without the knowledge of whether or not the swine were free from pseudorabies. I guess the question is and I don't know, you have to decide that in your own mind. Does a producer of swine, doing the best he can in the way of management to keep his herd free from disease, does he have any right to some kind of protection from a herd which may or may not be infected with a disease? Now if you think so then you must vote for the bill. If you think not, you think it is a free-for-all, then I guess you vote against the bill and that is not the only reason you would vote against the bill, I understand, but I'm pointing out that there are many members of the Nebraska Pork Producers Association who have come to this committee and have come to this Legislature. They have come singly, they have come by twos, by tens, by hundreds and they have supported the bill. I have taken that bill apart section by section, page by page, line by line and Senator Kahle and I and others have done every possible thing we can to attempt to satisfy the concerns of these producers who object to the bill. And we have not been able to do those things that they demand or that they would like to see done and still have a workable bill. Now as I have said on this floor hundreds of times, it easy to pass a bill in number only. If you want to strip the bill down to nothing and I'm not charging anyone with doing that but if you wanted to, if I wanted to go back home and tell the pork producers or tell the Pork Producers Association...

SENATOR CLARK: You have one minute left.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...we passed a pseudorabies control bill for you, we could easily have gutted the bill, would have beer no problem, we could have passed a worthless meaningless bill, would have fit my criteria of not doing anything, helping anyone, hurting anyone or costing anything and we would have all gone home happy. On the other hand if you want to pass a bill which the Pork Producers Association of Nebraska have supported in the hopes that it will control the disease, then you have to vote for the advancement of this bill. The question is yours. The decision is yours.