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LB 574, 609

another bill in there, LB 253 I think, that addresses this same problem. There is really no need to have a hearing on this bill also because we've already address it. So I would just urge you to go along with Senator Elmer. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The question is, shall the bill be withdrawn? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to withdraw LB 609.

PRESIDENT: The bill is withdrawn. Moving on to General File, LB 574.

CLERK: Mr. President, 574 was a bill that was introduced by Senator Rogers, Senator Wehrbein, Senator Coordsen, and Senator Dierks. (Read.) The bill was introduced on January 18 of this year. At that time it was referred to the Agriculture Committee for public hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Rogers, are you first on this?

SENATOR ROGERS: Yes.

PRESIDENT: All right.

SENATOR ROGERS: Mr. President and members, LB 574 is my priority bill. And if you'll look in your bill books you will see that it is a very, very simple proposal. LB 574 does two things. First, it directs the Department of Agriculture to take a look at the pseudo rabies problem and develop a plan to eradicate that disease in Nebraska swine industry. The second thing that it does is provide some ongoing direction to the Department of Agriculture to continue to work on other livestock diseases, such as cattle brucellosis, which has nearly been eradicated in our state. This is important for several reasons. Since I introduced the control act of 775, in 1986, to control pseudo rabies, we've got a lot better picture of the disease. I've been on the PRV eradication committee for something like 20 years. Ten years ago we were not so sure that we could eradicate it. Some of you old timers, if you'll remember hog cholera, I can remember when I was a kid they said you couldn't get rid of it. Now a days it's eradicated, you can't even buy