

vaccine for it. So we feel very confident that we can eradicate pseudo rabies. We need this bill so the department will start a program, develop a program for an eradication plan. There's been a lot of consensus from pork producers. The only way to protect ourselves is to eradicate it, I mean it's a very costly disease for the industry. In the long haul it can affect our hogs that move on to market, especially in Nebraska because as far as breeding stock is concerned a lot of states will not allow hogs to be transported across state lines unless they have been tested. If we can eradicate it, then that is just one less expense to the producer. You know, if we eliminate hog cholera, it's kind of like a tax incentive bill because I've got some figures that I'll give after while what it has cost some producers, how much income tax that was lost to the state, how much sales tax was lost to the state. I've been asked by several people, what are the producers themselves doing for this? The National Pork Producers Council has spent probably around \$200,000, in 1988 and '89, on pseudo rabies. The federal veterinary services will spend \$183,000 in 1989. The Nebraska Pork Producers are funding a project through the University of Nebraska, which we will pay for to get a cost analysis on PRV to see what it does cost the state. For right now I mean I'll let it go at that, Mr. President, and then I'll have some other figures later on.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Coordsen, please, then Senator Elmer.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I rise to support the advancement of 574. About 150 years ago, when I was 17-years old, I bought about 40 little feeder pigs, and they'd been shipped into Nebraska from Kansas. I put them in the barn and gosh I was proud of them. They'd been vaccinated for hog cholera. The only problem was that dad had never had hog cholera on the place, and never had any trouble with it and had not vaccinated his. He had 150 or so hogs ready for market. Folks, when hog cholera struck, since I brought it on the place with the feeder pigs that I'd bought, we had piles of dead butcher hogs that we drug out for the...drug out, I guess. We pulled out of the lots, were four and five and six hogs deep waiting for the rendering truck to come. That's not exactly the situation we're talking about with PRV or pseudo rabies because we're not going to see that type of devastation. But at that time we thought that this was something that couldn't be eradicated, it simply was so widespread that we