

couldn't get rid of it. The cooperation between the federal government, state government and the producers resulted in the elimination of hog cholera. Pseudo rabies is not a disease that affects the consumer of pork, it's not transmissible to humans, but it's one that has a severe economic impact upon the people that are producing hogs in the State of Nebraska. Senator Rogers will be detailing, I think, the economic impact a little bit more in later testimony. But I would say to you this morning at this time that the pork industry is part of the production capacity of the State of Nebraska, depending upon the price and the level of production can bring in a gross into Nebraska, an in-flow of money of a billion dollars or more. It's essential that we pass this bill, we appropriate the money. I think it's a relatively small amount of money, \$150,000 perhaps to begin this program, and to continue the program. The people who are out there producing pork in Nebraska are going to spend a lot more than that, but it's essential to have a program, because an individual producer can, in fact, depopulate his premises, can clean up his own herd, he can buy clean breeding stock. But as long as we have reservoirs of infection in the State of Nebraska, it's almost impossible for him to insure himself against future reinfection. And it is serious to him, it can put him out of business. We've had several instances where we've had premiere, seed stock producers in Nebraska that have been infected, in spite of, in spite of all of the controls that they could put in place. It's essential that we begin the effort. It should have been started 20 years ago when the disease first appeared in Nebraska, when it was on a very limited basis. But we must start the effort today with the advancement of this bill so that in the future...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR COORDSEN: ...the economic potential of pork production for the whole State of Nebraska will be enhanced and we will be able to continue our dominant position in the production of this type of livestock. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Elmer, please, followed by Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. President. The Agriculture Committee heard this bill. There were a large number of proponents and virtually no opposition to the bill. The estimate for the time period that it will require to accomplish