

the goal of the bill, to eliminate pseudo rabies in hog production in the state is approximately ten years. The brucellosis program for cattle has been in effect almost 30 years. There are only three or four very isolated, small herds where brucellosis has been detected as of now. That program is very nearly at its point of success. Ten years for the hog production is realistic given the fact that it's about one-third the time per generation of hogs as it is cattle. The program is of great economic importance to our state and I would urge your support of the bill.

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

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. President, members, I just want to add my support to this. I think this is something that government properly does. It's a very important industry in the State of Nebraska, swine industry is, \$700 million plus, and it's going to continue to grow with its location, just as our cattle feeding is. I just encourage support for this bill.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, many of you will remember that I carried this bill a number of years ago. As usual I was about five, or six, or seven years ahead of my time. The bill failed by one vote on Final Reading. Glad to see that the swine experts, particularly Senator Rogers who worked very hard on that bill years ago, is on the floor today and is able to help us. I think that they've adequately explained the importance of this. I think in all fairness that we've probably made some progress in the last five or six years insofar as methods of eradication is concerned. So, hopefully, the bill will become law and will be a very major assistance to the swine industry.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Rogers, would you like to close on the advancement of the bill.

SENATOR ROGERS: Yes, Mr. President, I appreciate some of these comments. I thought I might just mention two instances in our state that happened within the last year of what pseudo rabies cost the State of Nebraska. The first one, they estimated that it's a million dollar loss for one year, and this is just one herd. And I've picked on some big herds, but there are hundreds