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PRESIDENT: Senator Elmer... Owen Elmer, please.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Mr. President. I wonder if Senator Hall would answer a couple of questions.

PRESIDENT: Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Yes.

SENATOR ELMER: Senator Hall...

SENATOR HALL: Uh-huh.

SENATOR ELMER: ...how many memberships does the Henry Doorly Zoo have, approximately?

SENATOR HALL: Senator Elmer, it's my understanding...and I very well could be wrong, but I thought that they sold over...they went over 30,000 this year.

SENATOR ELMER: I understand each person that buys this membership is entitled to free admission for that year...

SENATOR HALL: That's right.

SENATOR ELMER: ...and participates in the operation by coming to the meetings and voting what transpires at the zoo.

SENATOR HALL: That's correct.

SENATOR ELMER: People that are not members that come to the zoo have to pay for an admission. Is that correct?

SENATOR HALL: They pay admission and that admission is taxed and that has always been the case and there has never been any misunderstanding with regard to the interpretation in the statutes with regard to that, that portion of the admission, or on a daily basis. That is correct. You are absolutely right.

SENATOR ELMEN: So everybody that comes...that goes to the zoo that's not a member buys an admission and pays the tax and this would not change that.

SENATOR HALL: It does not. If I walked up to the door with