

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of committee amendments.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The committee amendments are adopted. To the bill, discussion. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, if Senator Dierks would yield to some questions.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Moore, excuse me. The Chair has overlooked Senator Dierks, I don't believe who has had a chance to open and explain the bill. Chair recognizes Senator Dierks, then Senator Moore.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Clerk, do you have another amendment to the bill?

CLERK: Yes, sir, I do.

SENATOR DIERKS: You want to do that now, or when do we do that?

CLERK: It's up to your discretion. I have...Mr. President, Senator Dierks would move to amend the bill. Senator, I've got AM2102 in front of me. (Dierks amendment appears on page 300 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR DIERKS: That's right.

CLERK: Okay.

SENATOR DIERKS: At this time, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I would like to bring this amendment to the bill. I'm not sure that this is really the appropriate time, but I'll do it anyway. We have in LB 50 we have a group of exemptions, and this is in addition to that group of exemptions. The exemptions are listed in there, and I'll talk about them briefly a little later. But I'd like to add this one exemption to that group. It does insert an exemption that calls for nonnegligent actions taken by personnel or agents of the Department of Agriculture in the performance of their duties as prescribed by law. In other words, we're asking that those people who work for the Department of Agriculture and who come out and do animal testing will not be...they will be exempted by the animal cruelty or animal neglect law. This was a request of the Department of Agriculture and is very necessary for them to be exempted. So I