

SENATOR DIERKS: Absolutely.

SENATOR MOORE: The first...you know in Section 1, in your definition of cruelly neglect, now the question I want to pose, I just want you to respond how you think the law should be applied, and if it's your intention. Obviously there is a difference between...city cats stay inside all day, like the new cats I acquired when I got married, farm cats stay outside all the time, which...is that normal, Senator Dierks?

SENATOR DIERKS: I believe that is fairly normal.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, the problem I have is that farm cats, like the last cold snap we had in December, I know some people that had farm cats that never go inside, never have been inside, stayed outside and didn't survive. And I guess with those type of people that left their farm cats outside, like they always do, would they have been guilty of cruelly neglecting those animals during that cold weather?

SENATOR DIERKS: You want an answer to that question?

SENATOR MOORE: Yes.

SENATOR DIERKS: I believe that would come under the part of the law that says that commonly accepted practices of husbandry. Most cats will survive that kind of weather because most cats have some sort of shelter to go to. If they don't, they probably are not healthy, probably have circulation problems or something like that. So, most cats would be able to handle that, and I don't see that as a problem with the bill.

SENATOR MOORE: Okay, I wanted you to answer that like that. That's why I...though some people will disagree with that, I'm afraid. I know some people that thought we were...people were cruel to cats even though they went to the garage, it wasn't a heated garage. But your intention, as the introducer of the bill, you think they'd be exempted under that exemption.

SENATOR DIERKS: That's my...

SENATOR MOORE: Okay, second question deals with humane killing of an animal by the owner. Now oftentimes, as you're well aware of, Senator Dierks, particularly in farm life there tends to be cats or dogs or whatever that tend to reproduce a little more