

SENATOR DIERKS: I would say that's mistreating it, Senator Haberman, I don't believe that's...

SENATOR HABERMAN: But I can kick my kid and not be arrested by a Game and Parks or sheriff or somebody like that.

SENATOR DIERKS: Well, we're not talking about your kids in this legislation.

SENATOR HABERMAN: No, but I'm trying to draw my point. Can I kick a cow that is in my way, I want the old cow to go through the gate and she isn't moving, can I walk up and hit her with an electric prod or a whip or kick her?

SENATOR DIERKS: Yeah.

SENATOR HABERMAN: I can?

SENATOR DIERKS: You can because that is considered normal practices of husbandry.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Well,...

SENATOR DIERKS: That's exempted.

SENATOR HABERMAN: ...where I come from kicking your dog...you know when I was campaigning (laughter), I'd go up to some of these farm houses and this dog comes along and sniffs behind you, at your heels, and wants to nip you, and I turn around and kick the dog. I can't do that anymore?

SENATOR DIERKS: Well I think maybe that's a little bit different because you're trying to preserve your integrity.

SENATOR HABERMAN: (Laugh.) I was trying to preserve more than that. (Laughter.) On page 7, Section 8, it says, when an animal is owned by a minor child the parent of such minor child, what are we going to do in split custody, where the parents have split and the courts have given the parent custody during some certain periods of time, and the other parent custody during the other period of time? Which one of these parents are we going to...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.