

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Senator Elmer, are you going to present the committee amendments?

SENATOR ELMER: Yes, Mr. President, as Vice-chair of the Agriculture Committee, we were privileged to hear Senator Rogers' bill on pseudorabies on January 23rd. It was advanced. There were no dissenting votes. And the committee amendments were attached that the Department of Agriculture had brought to us mainly as technical amendments to assist them in administering the pseudorabies eradication program. The committee amendments add a definition to make it more clear what a herd is. It adds an eradication...it adds eradication to the department's pseudorabies provisions, changes some usages, updates some references and adds a violation and a penalty. The most substantial part of the committee amendments is the addition of the violation and penalty. The department has very similar types of violation and penalties in other statutes similar to this and felt that to make it very clear that they had the same type of authority in administering this program they needed it stated explicitly within the sections that deal with the pseudorabies. It updates some references, replaces some section numbers with an act name, adds qualifying references and renumbers the sections. Very basically a technical amendment required by the Department of Agriculture and I would urge the body to adopt the committee amendments.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: There are no other lights on. Senator Elmer, would you waive closing? Senator Elmer waives closing. The issue before you is the adoption of the committee amendments. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

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

SENATOR HANNIBAL: The amendments are adopted. Introduction of the bill, Senator Rogers, please.

SENATOR ROGERS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, LB 1004 is a pseudorabies eradication bill. Eight or 10 years ago I could have not come to this body and probably even presented a bill like this, but after many years of work we have come up with new methods, new vaccines that we truly believe, and the majority of the Nebraska pork producers believe the same thing, that we can