

important to Nebraskans that the Department of Agriculture or the State Department of Agriculture be involved in this and that we need to proceed with an organized eradication program and that this time has come for us to do this.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Bernard-Stevens, please.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. President. Just very briefly, I want to thank Senators Rogers and Wehrbein, Dierks and Coordsen and other people who I am sure have worked on the bill within the body and the Department of Agriculture for bringing this bill before us. I understand it may not be the most headline-grabbing bill but it is one of those bills that though will not receive a lot of attention is very, very important to various parts of our industries, particularly in the hog industry of the State of Nebraska. And I would, with that, urge that the body support LB 1004.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Senator Schellpeper, please.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and members, I would like to ask Senator Rogers a question, if I might.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Senator Rogers, would you respond, please.

SENATOR ROGERS: Yes.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Senator, in Section 36 where you would approve the feeding facilities, if my neighbor would have a confinement shed and if he wanted to feed these pseudorabies feeder pigs, could I stop him from coming in there if he was within a certain distance, or what is it?

SENATOR ROGERS: The Bureau of Animal Industry will be the ones that will determine if that particular facility can be used as a quarantine feedlot. There are some guidelines, and don't quote me on the exact distance, but I'm going to say it's something like, first of all, there would be no swine within two miles of the facilities. There has been numerous facilities, numerous people have asked to have a quarantine feedlot and the Bureau of Animal Industry has turned it down, Senator Schellpeper. In other words, they want to be real careful if they set up one of these places that it will not affect neighbors.