

in Nebraska to veterinarians only. Currently, a veterinarian is the only one who may administer the vaccine, but at this time the law lets anybody buy the vaccine. It creates quite a problem in that you have a lack of recordkeeping and you have lack of expertise possibly in the way the vaccine is administered plus it is being administered outside the law. This restriction is in agreement with all the facets of the industry that we've talked to. I think we need to be aware of the recordkeeping responsibilities of veterinarians when this is done. You need to, of course, have an animal that is healthy before the vaccine is given. If you don't, if you give this rabies vaccine to an animal that might be incubating a disease, you could have an animal that is not protected and be somewhat under false impressions that it is. And I think it is absolutely essential that this vaccine, much like anthrax vaccine and brucellosis vaccine, be in the hands of a veterinarian only. So this is the reason for the vaccine. In addition to those reasons, all the labels in the vaccine packages state that this rabies vaccine can be administered by a graduate licensed veterinarian only. This is the USDA clearance. Currently, over 40 states in this United States require vaccine sales to only veterinarians, and I think that it won't be long before the entire United States is that way. There is a push on by the United States Department of Agriculture to allow this to happen. So I believe that I'd like to encourage your support of this measure and advance it to Select File. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The Chair recognizes Senator Rogers for purposes of discussion.

SENATOR ROGERS: I'd like to ask Senator Dierks a question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Would you respond, Senator?

SENATOR DIERKS: Yes, sir.

SENATOR ROGERS: You won't come back in a couple of years and ban me for giving iron shots to my baby pigs, will you?

SENATOR DIERKS: No, sir, you can do all that you want.

SENATOR ROGERS: Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Anything further? The question is, shall