

creditors, and trying to find some solution, not only to get the debts paid but also to see if there are ways that that producer can remain on the farm if possible, at least, so that they can be productive citizens of our state. And so I wholeheartedly endorse LB 357 and appreciate the hard work that the agriculture department and those involved in this Mediation Act have done for the State of Nebraska over the years. I think it's a very important program and one we may need to have in existence in the future, based upon some of the things that are happening economically in the ag arena.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Johnson. Senator Rogers, do you have a closing?

SENATOR ROGERS: Waive closing.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Closing is waived. We will proceed to vote on the motion to advance LB 357. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of 357.

PRESIDENT MOUL: LB 357 is advanced. LB 359.

CLERK: LB 359, Madam President, introduced by the Agriculture Committee. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 16, referred to the Agriculture Committee. The bill was advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Rogers.

SENATOR ROGERS: Madam Speaker and members of the Legislature, LB 359 was brought to us by the Ag Committee. The bill was advanced from committee with no amendments. I wish the body would take notice, this is a pseudorabies bill. I think I have carried one for probably six years but this is the easiest, the simplest pseudorabies bill that I ever carried. It...it doesn't pull any punches. There's no surprises in it. It's just designed to clear up intent of the law through the process of swine herd assessment and most of you probably know what I'm talking about when I talk about swine herd assessment and I sure won't go into the inside workings of the pseudorabies bill. If