

business or a confined beef cattle business, for example? Is there any, do any of these penalties apply to that kind of an operation?

SENATOR ROGERS: Yes, yes, Senator Schmit, I think they do and I haven't found the wording yet.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, as I read the language it appears to me, unless I missed something, that the language now only applies to livestock that is confined for the purpose of science, research, commerce, or education. Now commerce, does that include all livestock that is on private property? Would that be it?

SENATOR ROGERS: If you look under the amendments to the committee amendments, it inserts "intentionally" and then after the second comma it inserts "agriculture." I think that would include anything on your farm and on my farm, Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I think the word "commerce" might do it. It is somewhat less definitive than what I had intended, but I do think that the bill is necessary. There have been a few instances, of course, where livestock have been deliberately damaged by the acts of an individual. We had an incident a few years ago where the Waldo Swine Farms at DeWitt suffered a tremendous loss as a result of an intentional act. And so it has taken place. In this case, the Waldo Farms, of course, have been in existence and involved in the breeding of purebred swine for many, many years, over 100 years. And the damage to that facility and to that operation was in the millions of dollars. And some of it, of course, could not ever be, some of the damage could never be compensated for because of the loss of bloodlines and the loss of the work that had been done by the Waldo family for many years. So I would hope that this does cover ordinary commercial farming operations as I think it might with that one word. But I just wanted to be sure that it does. And so with that, of course, I support the bill. And I think it's also important to recognize that for years we have used livestock in research projects and we've used them in science projects and medical projects. And it is the intent of this body if you pass this bill and you vote for it that we are allowed to continue such experiments. I want it understood that this, if you vote for this bill you are voting for the continuation of such experiments so that there's no misunderstanding. If you are opposed to the use of livestock in research projects, be it for any kind of research or for medical experiments, then you should