

would like to invest and have invested and in the future have plans to invest even more not to have to worry on a day-to-day basis, or month-to-month basis whether or not their investment rug will be pulled out from under them. I think Senator Dierks understands and recognizes that. His amendment, I think, is a compromise. But nevertheless I think I will, and I'm sure he will and others will watch how Game and Parks and others who might want to change what I think we have spelled out as a matter of policy now for the state could enforce to in fact interfere with good intentions on the part of the investors. Economic development comes in a lot of forms. This is another form of that economic development. It's an alternative to how we eat and what we eat. It's worth...it's worth the investment on the part of those who are doing it, hopefully. I think we should support them when we can. It make sense, it's healthy and I would hope that record, by putting something like this in the record, I know there are others on the floor who have the same concerns that I have and can probably define it much better than me, but in any case we want to watch and make sure that their rights, the investors for these exotic type animals, alternative forms of food are not violated and rugs pulled out from underneath their investment. I, with that, would relinquish whatever I have to...time I have to anybody else that might want to mention the same thing. This is the end of the day and I know that we had to get this in the record, and I apologize for keeping you here any longer, but it was important that we said something about this.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Lynch. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I echo the words of Senator Lynch. I just want to remind the body that a deal has been struck and I think that I'm certainly pleased that Senator Dierks was able to work out a compromise that was more or less approved by those involved. But I want to echo those words of Senator Lynch when he talks about the fact that somebody could, through some department, could, through their change in ideas, come in and abolish an entire herd but...just by their actions. And I think that I'm pleased, I have to tell you that I'm pleased that Senator Dierks is willing to sit in on these hearings and make sure that the letter of the law is followed and this doesn't happen. I guess I would only state for the record that in fact if these kinds of action would take place, I would be back here within another year asking that these people who are deprived of their