

livelihood would be reimbursed through the department who took those steps. And I think that's important for us to understand that some of these people have invested their life savings and their livelihood is dependent upon their development of these herds. And because something happens and somebody moves in and says, we're going to have to destroy this herd, just means a whole lifetime or at least a part of a lifetime of work destroyed and one without any reimbursement of any kind. And I don't think that that's what we expect from this. And again I have to reiterate that I'm glad that Senator Dierks is willing to sit in and see that fairness is dealt to all bodies involved in this issue and that we proceed in that manner. I don't want to again take up a lot of time, but I do understand it's an important issue and one we have to recognize and be sure that we deal fairly with those who are involved in these kinds of investments and these kinds of actions. So, with that, thank you, Madam President.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska. Senator Chambers, your light is next.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President, members of the Legislature, perhaps Senator Dierks touched on this but I want to ask a serious question first. Senator Dierks, has the Game and Parks division looked at the amendment...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Dierks.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that you're offering?

SENATOR DIERKS: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Have those questions relative to the possible spread of disease been addressed in the amendment?

SENATOR DIERKS: Senator Chambers, I called the committee together one day, I think you were not there, and we talked about this with both the Department of Agriculture and the Game and Parks division. The State Veterinarian was involved in the discussion, and I think we have a thorough understanding about the problems that these two agencies have with the advent of bringing these animals into the state. So, yes, they are aware of it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is there any...what is there to prevent the