

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Did you say a rat-eyed bird?

SENATOR DIERKS: Ratite.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, ratite.

SENATOR DIERKS: Yeah.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, okay, I thought you said rat-eyed. Oh, okay, I'm straight then.

SENATOR DIERKS: Oh, no.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Bromm.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Madam President. And I won't belabor the things that have been said already by previous speakers, but I have some of the same concerns that they've expressed. I do appreciate the compromise amendment offered by Senator Dierks and I will support it. But I also want to monitor what happens under the procedures that are set forth in the amendment, see if they work and if they're applied reasonably and certainly not arbitrarily or capriciously or abruptly or anything like that. And it reminds me a little bit of a bill we were speaking of for a number of hours a few days ago, and I hate to mention the key word that lights the fires, so I'll spell it, it's t-a-k-i-n-g-s. And maybe the procedures set forth in this bill, which requires a public hearing, and certainly if 168 becomes law, if there is such a possible thing that could happen to the owner of the animals, a hearing would be required under 168 as well. So I guess we are interested, those of us who have constituents who might be affected by this bill, but I commend the Ag Committee and Senator Dierks for bringing an amendment that hopefully will help rectify the situation. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Avery.

SENATOR AVERY: Yeah, Madam President, just for the record, I wanted, again, I am concerned about the potential, and there is a potential for ecological damage with these species being introduced. Disease is a factor. I wanted to ask Senator Dierks, for the record, I think...doesn't, before the