

agronomist recommendations of veterinary needs. The average veterinary cost per animal in the crop and livestock budget may reflect more of a best management figure than an actual use figure. Two, even if the method is somewhat accurate in the total amount of veterinary products used annually in this state, the amount that sales tax is actually collected on is probably somewhat smaller. Thus the actual cost of the bill would be lower. Three, the estimate of veterinary costs include items such as bandages, syringes, needles, identification tags. These are not exempted by LB 106, and those are costs that were entered into the figures. The other thing I think that we need to consider is the advantages that we will have by increasing these purchases in Nebraska from the standpoint that there will be an increased income and income tax paid to those veterinarians who get this business back, and also when these people go out of state to do these purchases, they purchase a lot of other things besides that. They are talking about groceries and gas, parts and supplies for their equipment. I think there is a tremendous disadvantage to the State of Nebraska without the passing of LB 106. So with that, I'd appreciate your consideration and I urge you to support LB 106 and advance it to Select File. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Bohlke would like to announce that the following guests are visiting the Legislature. There are 24 fourth graders here from Wood River Elementary, with their principal and teacher, and they are all in the north balcony. Will you stand to be recognized, please. Welcome. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Beutler would move to amend the bill. (See FA169 found on page 1848 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Beutler to open on his amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, the amendment before you strikes sections...strikes lines 10 and 11 on page 2, but before I get into a discussion of that particular item, I guess I would like to orient myself a little bit to this entire field again because I think this is an extremely important area, and this is going to add somewhere around three to three and a half million dollars to the tax exemptions this year, which will raise our total of tax