

in fact, as an input, and the addition here of animal or chemicals used with animals for food is really somewhat of an extension, if you look at the same item (b) feed, if you look back at the feed which has been exempt from the beginning, back on page 9. It also, at that point, included antibiotics. Antibiotics would have been included not in fee but in one of the...either (a) or (c), but they all deal with...with a medical purpose or related medical purpose input for the production of livestock. And I only bring in the issue is that while this may appear an expansion and, obviously, in a sense it is, but it also is consistent with a number of exemptions that have traditionally existed in this general area of livestock production, and while it, in fact, yes, is an expansion, it is not as an expansion, it's inconsistent with the kind of exemptions that have occurred for a number of years. So I would not be in support of the amendment as offered although I perceive it probably is being offered for purposes of discussion of the policy issue.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Warner. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: I, too, will speak in opposition to Senator Beutler's amendment. And I, too, think that probably it was offered in the sense of providing some more discussion of the legislation, and I would like to ask Senator Beutler a question if...is Senator Beutler here?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR DIERKS: Senator Beutler, if you had this bill and you had a fiscal note on it that said 5.3 or 7 million dollars over two years and there is no...there is no recording or mention of possible positive effects of having this business back in Nebraska, how would you handle that?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Probably the same way you are, Senator.

SENATOR DIERKS: Okay. Well, I think that the problem I've got is, of course, convincing people that this is not an accurate fiscal note, even though the people that did it felt they were doing it the best way they could. But they give nothing in the way of positive things that will happen in Nebraska when our citizens quit going to other states to buy these things. And with...I'm not talking only about veterinary products, I'm talking about other things they will buy when they're there too.