

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, yeah, I could ask you as well. Let me go back to the equipment idea. Equipment, those are the tools and we usually think of them as dead things, machines of some type that help us make a product. Isn't an insecticide really more equipment than it is the product itself, or an incorporated part? I mean, doesn't it really stretch the point to say that what the consumer wants as part of this final product is a little insecticide in the animal?

SENATOR DIERKS: I think that if you understand what the end result is with the use of that product, you understand that if it's not there, we don't get the end result and it does bring about a...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yeah.

SENATOR DIERKS: ...(inaudible).

SENATOR BEUTLER: But that's the same...that's the same thing that's true of a piece of equipment, of a necessary piece of equipment, right? If you don't have that piece of equipment, you don't get the final result.

SENATOR DIERKS: Well, if I don't have a syringe, I don't get the final result because I can't provide the vaccine. But this is a product that is taken into the animal, it's part of the finished product, although by government standards it cannot be present in the tissue so we have to use it long enough before slaughter that it can't be used.

SENATOR BEUTLER: So it is not part of the final product in accordance with that definition.

SENATOR DIERKS: It goes into the production of the final product.

SENATOR BEUTLER: How is...and I suppose the same is true of an herbicide which you...which is already exempt.

SENATOR DIERKS: Well, herbicides...

SENATOR BEUTLER: How does that go into the final product?