

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Surely.

SENATOR HARTNETT: An earlier statement that you made, I think, was with your dialogue with Senator Beutler that you said that...I think this was what you said, was that really we will see in this area even though we're taking the sales tax off these products here, the veterinary medicine and so forth, that we'll really see a rise in business on other things. Do you think the Department of Revenue can track that information for us? Or is that just you're making an assumption or do you...how do we determine that? I thought that was an interesting comment on your part. I think that's what you said, Senator Dierks, something of that nature.

SENATOR DIERKS: That's right, that's what I said, I asked Senator Beutler if he could tell me how he would pursue presenting that information if he were me.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Oh.

SENATOR DIERKS: And he said probably the same way I was, but I'm not sure if that helped him all that much.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Uh-huh.

SENATOR DIERKS: But I do think that what we lose in the way of business to other states with the border bleeding we'll make up for the lion's share of what the Revenue Department says we're going to lose by way of this sales tax, maybe even more than make up for it, because we're keeping business...we're keeping these people in Nebraska doing their trading.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Uh-huh.

SENATOR DIERKS: I know what happens in Kansas, I know I've done it myself. I can buy...let me give you a little example. Senator Jones, if he's got 500 cows and he wants to give them all a shot of Ivomec, it's going to cost him five bucks a cow. If he goes down to Kansas to buy this it's going to cost him, at a 5 percent tax, it's going to cost him \$125 just for the tax. But if he buys it in Nebraska and Kansas, he's excused that. You know, I can drive from Ewing to Kansas, which is about 200 miles, and pay the gas bill and fill my gas up, fill