

SENATOR WESELY: You can argue all you want on the validity and virtue of this but, in my view, we've added too many tax exemptions and the more we can narrow this bill and if we could even defeat the bill, it would seem to me a better tax policy overall to put a stop to some of this. And it's awful easy to exempt. It's real hard to broaden the tax base and then we wonder where we don't have the revenues any longer. Again, I'm very concerned about where we're going with tax exemptions. I hope you will think very carefully about the ultimate consequence of tax exemption after tax exemption. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Would like to recognize, Senator Dierks has 45 guests from the Senior Travelers from O'Neill in the north balcony. If you folks could please rise and be recognized. On the Beutler amendment, Senator Janssen, followed by Senators Chambers, Schrock, Warner, Beutler and Jones.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, I wasn't going to speak on this bill until Senator Dierks mentioned the fact that people go across the state line to buy these animal pharmaceuticals and they may stop in a grocery store in South Dakota or Iowa, and that got my attention real quick. All kidding aside, this, I do have concerns with this because of the fact that we can...the revenue we can lose by going out of state. And whatever we lose to another state is an economic factor to this state naturally. When we...when you use these so-called herbicides or not herbicides but insecticides and fungicides on cattle it's for the betterment of that farmer. Now if Senator Jones has a cow out there that's got grubs real bad and uses a fungicide, what we used to.. I used to call it rotenone and I don't know whether they still use it or not, but anyway you have to realize that if the hide is ruined, that packer is going to lose money on that hide. And if he loses money on that hide, he's going to have to raise the price of that carcass to compensate for that hide, a small thing, but it's still all figures into the factor. So John Consumer is going to be paying a little bit more for that piece of sirloin steak if this happens and it has an effect on us, has a big effect on us. If Senator Jones can raise his...get another ten or fifteen pounds on that animal at market time, he is going to make a little bit more money and he's going to have to pay a little more income tax. You pay income tax don't you, Senator Jones? You bet you do. So you have to figure all these things in. I'm not saying that insecticides and so on are good for