

our...good for the ecology of the state, they probably aren't, but when they're used in the correct way and there is probably not a better expertise on this situation in this body other than Senator Dierks. He knows...he knows what he's talking about and you better listen to him. I have...you know, and it's kind of hard to figure or get a handle on the economic impact of this because there's so many things that enter into whether someone makes money or not. If you're making money, you have a strong economy, and I believe that we sometimes lose sight of the economic impact that agriculture plays in the State of Nebraska.

And if I could ask Senator Dierks a couple of questions, please. Senator Dierks, right now...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Dierks.

SENATOR JANSSEN: ...animal feed is exempt from sales tax. Is that right?

SENATOR DIERKS: That's correct.

SENATOR JANSSEN: All right. Now in this animal feed, now whether things have changed since I've been out of agriculture, I don't know, but I would imagine there's a certain amount of medication in some of this feed. Am I right or wrong?

SENATOR DIERKS: That is correct.

SENATOR JANSSEN: All right. So theoretically we are getting medication that's needed for those animals in that feed right now, to a certain extent?

SENATOR DIERKS: That's true, especially...

SENATOR JANSSEN: And we're not...and we're not paying sales tax.

SENATOR DIERKS: ...especially (inaudible), yeah.

SENATOR JANSSEN: All right, we're not paying the sales tax on that.

SENATOR DIERKS: That's true.

SENATOR JANSSEN: All right. So, really, what's the difference?