

SENATOR WARNER: ...so that's what you're trying to avoid.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And now to make this clear, and I know your answer. You're not arguing that insecticides and fungicides are like feed, or are you?

SENATOR WARNER: No. Well, Senator, no, I would agree they're not but I was...I know I used the word early on about this was similar to component parts but you're quite correct, it's not a component part, it's a business input.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. That...that argument puts us on a footing where we can just battle and see who's got the most votes and maybe if you get this, there will be a rural/urban split because you will have gotten everything you're entitled to from Micron and when you come in here...see, Micron...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time. Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I suppose the issue is, are we going to tax agricultural inputs or not. And I rise in opposition to the amendment because I don't see a lot of difference in insecticides and in vaccines that are for disease prevention. Having a little bit of firsthand knowledge about this sometimes makes one dangerous. But on our place everything gets an Ivomec shot every year and that's an insecticide, a rather expensive shot. If you don't use that product or something similar to it, the hair will fall out of the animal, they will rub it all off and they will become disease ridden and they will lose weight. So it's an important part of the health care package, and I don't consider that much different than a Seven-Way shot which we give for blackleg. So I don't see much difference in the two. I think if you would ask a farmer what's an important part of your health care program for their livestock, they wouldn't see much difference between something that you're vaccinating them so their system becomes immune to a disease or to an insecticide. And so I think the average farmer, rancher or whoever is involved in the...in the animal business in the State of Nebraska would see very little difference in that and would find a hard time rationalizing the difference. And so that's the reason I'm opposed to the Beutler amendment at this time.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Beutler.