

motion to revive a bill that would address that directly within the next week and I would hope that when LB 851 does come up for reconsideration that we all remember the principles that we're talking about with respect to border bleeding in the argument that we're having today. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Will. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I would just like to remind the body that the language in the bill talks about animal health care products and we're not...I'm not all that into talking about the component parts, Senator Beutler, but what we're trying to do is even the playing field between Nebraska and other states. We're talking about health care products, that's the way other states define it and they don't pay taxes and we do, and this is the sole reason for the legislation. It isn't something that's going to necessarily help veterinarians or over-the-counter drug suppliers or co-ops or whoever is selling these things or feed stores. Sure, it should help their business in general and it should be an adjunct to Nebraska and the Nebraska citizens to have that business helped in general. Now we can go along here and take it apart piece by piece, take a word out here or try to take a word out there. Just because you want to get after some component part, like you say, that isn't the issue. The issue is are we going to provide our citizens the same advantages that citizens in the other states have, and it gives us the opportunity to talk then about border bleeding and I happen to disagree with you on that issue also. I think it's an important concept, and it's so important to some of the veterinarians and some of the pharmaceutical salesmen along the Nebraska border, with Kansas, for instance, that they are the ones that actually brought this to us. It's such a big part of their business and they're seeing the business leave Nebraska and go to Kansas. Two of these veterinarians have told me, personally, that they're ready to leave Nebraska and move to Kansas to take advantage of the difference. Now that becomes a tragedy when we start losing professional people to other states because they can't compete because of our tax law. And that's what we're trying to do. We're trying to even the playing field and that's what I'm asking, and I think that if...of course, I understand the number of amendments that are up there, we're going to go after this bill for the four hours and then the Speaker will probably withdraw it. But if that's your purpose, well, then that's what we're going to do. But I have problems with that