

being used by the trade in vaccinating and in treating these animals, but in the whole spectrum of how food and the food chain is produced in our state; in the entire country, but I don't have any regulation over what goes on outside of the bounds of this state. So, although I think that I understand what Senator Dierks is attempting to do and look out for his particular constituency, in looking out for all the residents of the state and the quality of health, quality of well-being, and the total expenses because I think if we are looking at the total picture, we are going to be spending increasingly larger amounts on health care, and I think that our science is good enough that we have drawn some very direct correlations between some of these hormones, some of these chemical additives,...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR PREISTER: ...and to the quality of health and well-being of our citizens. So I stand in support of Senator Beutler's amendment. I think it's minimal to take out insecticides and fungicides. I would have preferred that we went with his prior amendment that also included growth regulating chemicals and hormones that are increasingly needing to be used in these confinements. And I use hogs, but you can go on to poultry where the chickens are locked in small cages with lights on them all day, you can go on to the turkeys. These animals are no longer raised like they once were, and I submit to you that they need these additional chemicals because their own resistance is so weak that they can no longer fight off what they once could, and because nature's own way of regulating itself is to then inflict disease from within those flocks. And I know that on many of these hog...

SPEAKER WITHEM: Time.

SENATOR PREISTER: ...confinements...thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Preister. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam...excuse me, thank you, Mr. President and members. The...would Senator Dierks respond to a question.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Yes, I would.