

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...is not granted, it is not going to hurt those who don't get it.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Dierks, followed by Senator Elmer, Warner, Maurstad and Beutler.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature. I am not sure where that term "water" came from, but I wonder if it might have something to do with people in aquaculture using water, or people in feeding of beef cattle, for instance, if they are trying to buy some water from the water district. Suppose that they've got a nitrate problem in their ground water and surface water, and they need to use...they need to provide water for their animals from a water district that doesn't have those problems or from...maybe from the irrigation well, the ditch along the way from the dams out west. I don't know where they come from, but I think it was there for a purpose, and I wonder if...I don't think it is...I don't think it is judicious of us to remove that language at this point until we know more about it. I still have to oppose the amendment, and I think that...I guess one of the questions someone asked a little bit ago is ask Senator Beutler if he ever tried to buy bottled water at the store, if he didn't have to pay taxes on it, and that does happen, you know. But I don't think we'd buy bottled water at the store for our livestock, although we might for some of our fish. And I'd like to take the opportunity to address some of the things, some of the concerns that Senator Preister has. Now he mentioned something about my driving to Kansas to save \$125. Senator Preister, in the trunk of my car, I can put enough Ivomec in that would cost over \$5,000, maybe even seven or eight thousand dollars. It is that high-priced an item. If I went to Kansas to buy it, and I wouldn't be going just for myself, I would be going for my neighbors too, it would be a big, big item, and it is a big item. The other thing I have to take a little bit of issue with you for, and I understand your philosophy on this thing, but we sell, in this nation, the highest quality of meat available. Now you can read all the horror stories you want about contamination and watch all the PETA pictures you want to about how they drag carcasses across the floor, those are extreme conditions. They were landed on by the press. They made great big issues of them and they just aren't all that true. We have an excellent livestock inspection system. The health of our nation is well protected by USDA. The inspection service is excellent, and it gets better every year. And you can eat all