

since it was just brought to your attention, and you all can discuss it without you having to try to listen to me and your aide, and then maybe you can tell us what the purpose of that language is. And in the meantime, I will turn my light on again because there is a smart aleck sitting in the front row on the edge who is shaking his head, no, no, no, as though he has got the answer, so when my light, being turned on, results in my being called, I will ask him a question or two. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. I want to just tell you that the purpose of the bill that I brought I thought was fairly straightforward, and I still think it is. I think what we've been doing this afternoon is having a good discussion about it. I think we haven't really talked about anything too substantive yet as far as the amendments are concerned. So it makes me wonder the purpose of the amendments, and I don't object to that because I think we are getting some information out there that needs to be out there. I still want you to understand that I have no problem with the language in the bill. I think it does exactly what we intended for it to do. I think that I do want to respond again to some of the remarks that were made. Senator Preister, I am not sure we should be having this dialogue like this, but I want you to understand that as a veterinarian I never have recommended the use of hormones in cattle. I have used a lot of them at the request of my producers, but I haven't recommended it. The products that we do use, if you'd like to buy your supply of beef from me, I'd be very happy to do that for you because I don't use those kind of things. I do use vaccines. I do use insecticides for lice. This is something that, of course, wears off. We have a withholding period and that is based on research that has been done by a great number of people so we know that we are safe with that. And, actually, the research has been done to show that you are safe with the use of hormones as far as implants are concerned. One of the things Senator Chambers, I think, should be aware of, as well as others in this body, we are talking about some tax advantage for producers of livestock, and I am not sure how many of you are aware of what is happening currently in the livestock market. Those people who are raising and selling cattle and hogs have been at an extreme disadvantage for the last year. The markets have been absolutely "abhorrible". A number of young people in my district have gone