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LB 106

SENATOR HALL: But now we're going beyond that and we're saying that what we feed them, what we water them with, whether we apply medicines and ag chemicals to them, we're now going to make them exempt because to date they have not been exempt, otherwise there would be no...

SENATOR DIERKS: Oh, yes, they have been exempt.

SENATOR HALL: They have been exempt? Then why do we need the bill?

SENATOR DIERKS: From feed and water, we're talking about veterinary supplies.

SENATOR HALL: Well, I know we are, we're talking about veterinary supplies and ag chemicals.

SENATOR DIERKS: We're just talking about those pharmaceuticals and biologicals that are used to treat food producing animals. The feed that they buy has never been taxed, nor has the water.

SENATOR HALL: Well we can argue about that because the feed that they're, depending on the type of animal, is paid...sales tax is paid for. An example I gave the last time was on the issue of the thoroughbred horses, for example. Now the question is whether or not they meet the qualifications. And at some point down the line, thank you very much, Senator Dierks, they will, more than likely, also show up on the table in this country, as they have in other countries over in Europe, and as we sell them right now as food for human consumption. That's what they're ordinarily going to be used for when they're bought and shipped over to France. With that, one of the things that I think at this point in time, Mr. President, is that because of the nature of the debate and the fact that we haven't gotten to a couple other things, because really I think this is a seminal issue on this bill, who are we going to exempt? Just who all are we going to bring into the umbrella of the exemption as it relates to these types of animals? I would ask, since we haven't acted on the amendment, I would withdraw it at this point in time, bring it back when we get additional time to deal with it, because I know that there's folks off the floor and we won't get a number of people here to debate this issue, because I do believe it's vitally important, if we're going to deal with 106 in its introduced form. With that, I'd respectfully ask