

have allowed some additional discussion as to the underlying basic principle that we're dealing with.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Dierks, on the IPP motion.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. Of course I rise in opposition to the IPP motion and to the reasons that Senator Beutler gives for it. You know he can stand up and say all these things that have been talked about and tell you how he feels about them because he wouldn't listen to what I told him was actual or what was truthful and what was the facts in the case. And he keeps telling you the things that were not right. We haven't established that these are items that are used by the animal and then not in the end product. You know those are...he's telling you things that he wants you to hear, and it's just not so. I think we have to remember that what I told you in the earlier remarks, what we're trying to do is to establish a playing field that is fair for all of our producers. It's that and it's simply that, has nothing to do with machinery or equipment, it's just simply a product that's used on the animals, becomes a part of that animal as it's injected or poured onto that animal. And it is a part of the end product. It does provide for a better quality animal. It does provide for higher quality, less trauma during the production cycle of that animal, it helped provide for things in the food chain that we all are striving for, things that we all want. We want that quality and we want it without any obstruction from disease. We don't want to buy animals that have had problems with respiratory disease, we don't want to buy animals that have had problems with grubs that have poked holes in their hide and got scars in the leather that comes from them. These are items that make us more readily acceptable to the products that we raise, and I think we need to keep that in mind. We simply are trying to even the playing field for the producers in Nebraska. There are those of you who are going to say that this is a veterinarians bill, and I won't deny that it is because it might increase my business. It might increase the business for veterinarians in this state if people aren't going out of state to buy their products. We feel like we can make up the difference in what you see in that fiscal note by the amount of income that we make from these products that are sold here. What's to keep a company from establishing a business in Nebraska? It's the sales tax. They'll take these same...these same pharmaceutical companies will go to Kansas or Iowa in a minute to set up their businesses, and they've done it. We need