

showed up in the blue book is one that I hope folks took a look at over the weekend, because it clearly, clearly says that we're not as close as we might have thought we were, and that there's some things that we need...some decisions that have to be made. The first decision that can be made is to say, look, 106 is not critically important to this state, and I would argue that it is not, that the sales tax exemptions that are allowed under 106 do not impact business...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...in this state, they do not address a critical issue that one would argue is causing business to flow from the state. I think the statistics could possibly show that absolutely the opposite is true, at least in the not too distant past, I believe that the statistics showed that live cattle on feed in Nebraska was up, and that if that feed basically was subject to sales tax that that would contradict the argument that somehow this state is not being competitive with those states surrounding it. When you're talking about those animals that are here and being fed, they're still going to need veterinary medicines, they're still going to need the agricultural chemicals for the most part. And they would not be denied that in those...the owners of those animals know that...

SENATOR CROSBY: Time.

SENATOR HALL: ...when they bring them to Nebraska and place them on feed. I again rise in oppositi...or in support of the motion to indefinitely postpone and hope you'll do the same. Thank you, Madam President.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Hall. Senator Chambers, on the IPP motion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I would like to ask Senator Dierks a question.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Dierks.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Dierks, this is kind of a broad-based, general question that doesn't necessarily have to be answered in connection with this bill. Would you agree that most exemptions, where the sales tax is concerned, will relate to a specific area or interest or group rather than the populace