

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Jones, would you respond?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, he will. I checked his body language. He's on his way to his mike. Senator Jones, you had mentioned the amount of sales tax you pay on products you buy, and I think you referred to them as medicines. How much of those products do you buy from your local vet? Or do you buy them from outside the state or by mail order, or just how? What amount of that do you buy from the local vet?

SENATOR JONES: Right now I'm buying it all from the local vet because I've been down here and I haven't had no way of getting anywhere else.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, before you came down here, that was a very cagey answer, so I know you must have a different answer about the source from which you purchased prior to coming down here.

SENATOR JONES: Yes, I did order some out of the state.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So it wasn't the local vet that was involved in yours anyway?

SENATOR JONES: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. That's about all I'll ask you. Thank you very much, you were very direct and forthright and I think it adds a little perspective. When these producers and growers and feeders make large purchases, they're not buying them from the local vet anyway. See, Senator Hudkins, I pay attention. Now when it comes to these bills, Senator Coordsen, you've been here not as long as I have but long enough, I think, to see that I vote against these tax benefit bills, or whatever they call them, like Micron, 775, I don't know if you were here. I'm going to vote and fight against LB 425 to create the Governor's slush fund. Some of those were supposed to be helping Omaha, I voted against them. When Omaha was trying to raise the sales tax in Omaha for the auditorium and to help Henry Doorly Zoo, I was the one who talked that bill to death. Even when these things are supposed to benefit Omaha but it will limit and restrict what we can do as a state, then I vote against them, although I'm against the sales tax anyway. But to make these exemptions is not wise. I'd like to ask Senator Coordsen a