

think there's something in the code that would prevent me from applying medicine to humans.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now if we want to define veterinary medicines to include just diseases and illnesses, but we know we're not talking about human beings, it could include anything other than a human being which would be trees. And if veterinarians are going to treat trees also, any chemicals that they use for those purposes are also exempt from the tax.

SENATOR DIERKS: All right, you can treat trees without a license, Senator Chambers, but...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right. So if I'm a veterinarian I can get all of those substances without having to pay taxes, because only you can be a veterinarian. Well, I meant, you know, a person has to meet certain requirements and standards to be a vet.

SENATOR DIERKS: That's right. I don't have any objection to having you put "means" in there, I just don't see that it makes any difference. And I don't object to you putting animals in there either if that's what we're talking about.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, and I'll look at the other ones, too, because I don't mind. Members of the Legislature, here's what the definition would say, "Veterinary medicines means", and the reason I say "means" because veterinary medicines is a unit we're talking about, or we could say veterinary medicines mean, but I want to say means because it's a unit, medicines for the prevention or treatment of disease or injury to animals. Then we just have this language tracking what it is we talk about when we refer to things pertaining to veterinary medicine. And I want the tax code to be no broader than what that definition would mean otherwise. Senator Dierks has asked me some questions. If he has additional ones, I'll answer them. If anybody else has questions, I will answer them. This definition, if you adopt it, does not go to some of the issues that we've been discussing on the policy question.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Dierks, your light is next.

SENATOR DIERKS: Well, I...thank you, Madam President, members of the body, Senator Chambers, I'd just like to tell you again