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with surrounding states with regard to sales tax on veterinary items. Obviously, there's a significant advantage or disadvantage to Nebraska veterinarians and other retailers, such as coops, feed stores and pharmacies, when competing with similar businesses across the border. Whenever you have items taxed in one state and not in another there will always be a certain amount of border leakage. In addition, Nebraska retailers compete with mail order companies, buying coops and other purchasing options available to producers, then they escape that taxation. The need for the bill is driven in part by changes in the livestock industry. I think that there's no question as to the validity of the reasoning that I brought this bill. I would like to remind you that we've gotten some fiscal notes in the past that were unbelievable. The throwback rule, the original fiscal note on that bill was like \$15 million, and today that same bill is in here with a fiscal note of \$4 million. So the fiscal office oftentimes has to do some readjustments and I think it could be done on this one. I would just urge your support of the bill to General File. And like I told Senator Chambers in the debate that I would be very willing to work with him for specific amendments that he would like to see made to make the language better for Select File voting. Thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Dierks. You've heard the close and the question is to advance LB 106 to E & R Initial. Roll call vote has been requested. Senator Dierks, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DIERKS: I would like to ask for a call of the house, and would you do that roll call in regular order, please.

SENATOR HALL: We've got a request for a call of the house. All those members in favor of bringing the house under call vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 19 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, to place the house under call.

SENATOR HALL: The house is under call. Will members please record their presence. Other members outside the Chamber please return to the Chamber and record your presence, the house is under call. All unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. Senators Avery, Bernard-Stevens, Beutler, if you would please record your presence. Thank you very much. Looking for Senator