

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. And also for Senator Dierks edification, the way he helped cut my heart out on LB 886, he knows that the same thing he helped do against the Equal Opportunity Commission would be done against his farmer friends if it wasn't for being protected in the constitution. I just want some of my farmer colleagues to think on those things and remember how I have worked with them and helped them and in some cases in hearings carried the ball better than those on the committee could do because I understood the legal ramifications. Take my heart, I may take a heart in exchange.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Dierks, on the Hillman amendment to your amendment.

SENATOR DIERKS: Senator Hillman, the amendment that you have, I don't have that big a problem with it. The reason that we struck this on this amendment that I have handed out is to make it easier for the reporting to take place. The onus is taken off of the reporter this way. So they...I don't have a problem with it. If you want to reinstate that, there will be some people probably be upset with that, but I just think that it makes it easier for the reporting system that they don't...we don't change the constitution, you understand, with this, with this piece of legislation. If you would like to respond.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Hillman.

SENATOR HILLMAN: Yes, I realize that and I guess...I want to go back in the intent of your amendment I also agree with. I think that we have some agreements here, Senator Dierks, on what it is we would like to get done. And, I know that I am being repetitious but, and I may not be explaining myself truly well, but my point is that if we want to look at accountability on Initiative 300, and to enforce it, you are going to need some type of criteria based on the constitution and what it says in those reporting forms. If you strike the language in your bill that says, "the report shall indicate the basis", you know that report has to indicate what kinds of information we are going to want. The Secretary of State will develop that form, the way I understand your bill. And so if we remove this from your bill then I think we are more or less just kind of letting the Secretary of State hang out there without any real direction in knowing what to do. I don't believe that striking that language will harm the intent of your amendment and...and if we could