

would like to ask your support of LB 106. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES: Madam President and members of the body, I want to stand in support of LB 106 because I am a cattle producer. And the slump of the cattle market right now is tremendous and I think that everybody's going to look at all the corners they can to save and I think that they will be trying to order more in from out of state at the time the way it is right now. And this does go in line with the food chain trying to make the product for the table. And I think that each step like this along the way should be exempt from tax so that we can move on with the food chain like it should be. So I want to stand again and support this bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Jones. Is there any further discussion on the advancement of LB 106? Senator Dierks, to close on LB 106.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. I guess I'm surprised, I thought we'd have a little more discussion than that this morning. I'm passing around a handout for you to take a look at. I think it's very revealing. It shows the difference in the invoicing of a product called Ivomec which is a pour on insecticide for livestock. And it's from the animal clinic at Ogallala, and they also own a satellite clinic in Julesburg, Colorado. And the item that we're talking about, Ivomec, in a two and a half liter bottle, four bottles of which cost \$1,082.40. In Julesburg, if this product is delivered to Julesburg, Colorado, there's no tax. If it's delivered to Ogallala, the same company, the same people, the tax is \$70.35 on the same product. Now then on the back of that there's a copy of a, of a mail-order house product, and they show you there, and I've got it circled, the twenty-five hundred milliliter or two and a half liter product is \$275, but there's no, there's no tax. And if you look at the mail-order form on the back, they don't even have a place for a tax there. And we know that the local co-op was selling this same product in Ogallala which was for \$281, which was \$7.19 below the cost in Ogallala but over the cost in Julesburg. It's difficult for us to compete with that sort of a disadvantage. And I would just urge that you take a look at this handout and then if you can, why I'd certainly appreciate the, the yes vote on the issue.