

APHIS of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the most current code of federal regulations. Third, the bill provides for additional authority for the Department of Agriculture to restrict movements for other purposes than known or suspected disease conditions, such as refusal of the owner to test for pseudorabies, illegal importation of animals. Such restrictions of movement are already accomplished by regulation. LB 965 simply codifies current practice. Finally, the bill provides that the department shall have access to any premises for purposes of the pseudorabies program when the department has reasonable cause to believe that infected or exposed livestock are present. The department currently has the authority to enter under probable cause. The change to reasonable cause is to make the pseudorabies program consistent with other statutes, such as the Brucellosis Eradication Act. In any event, the department still will only enter property, if the owner refuses access, by obtaining a court order. The remaining changes are harmonizing changes and additional elimination of obsolete language. LB 965 advanced from committee with no dissenting votes and no amendments and is supported by the Department of Agriculture and the State Veterinarian. The Nebraska Pork Producers also testified in support of the bill. No one appeared in opposition. I urge advancement of LB 965.

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

SENATOR JANSSEN: Madam Lieutenant Governor, members of the body, a few questions of Senator Dierks, if I could, please.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: I will try.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Senator Dierks, is this the process that was went through when the eradication and control of cholera, several years ago? Are we going through about the same type of procedure to eradicate pseudorabies right now?

SENATOR DIERKS: I think it's a much more sophisticated procedure than we went through with cholera, Senator Janssen. The cholera eradication thing involved stopping use of the...

SENATOR JANSSEN: Live vaccine?