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SENATOR DIERKS: ...the viruses and, yeah, the vaccines, and this one...this program provides for the use of vaccines. But it's all under the auspices of the United States Department of Agriculture, along with cooperation of the Nebraska Department of Agriculture.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Is pseudorabies, right now, well, I'm sure that they've been working on the eradication of pseudorabies, but is it as bad a disease as it was say 10 or 15 years ago? Is it being controlled now?

SENATOR DIERKS: It is being controlled. It's pretty well limited right now to the northeast corner of Nebraska, northeast quadrant of Nebraska. It's just as serious a disease as it ever was because it causes a tremendous amount of death and economic damages to swine herds. So it is a very difficult disease. And the fact that they are getting under control is almost amazing to me, because the disease is so easy to spread, but they've done an excellent job. The pork producers have been very cooperative in this effort.

SENATOR JANSSEN: I realize it is a terrible disease, and I think it could probably, you know, without being controlled, I'm glad you are doing this because it could actually damage or be a big financial burden on hog producers if this doesn't take effect. And we do have a lot of hog producers in the state of Nebraska, and I appreciate the fact that the Agriculture Committee has taken these steps. Thank you, Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: You bet.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Is there any further discussion on the advancement of LB 965? Seeing none, Senator Dierks, to close. Senator Dierks waives closing. The question before you is the advancement of LB 965. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of 965.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: LB 965 advances. LB 1082.