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they are not filed, there is a civil penalty that pertains to not filing the report in each case, but in each case, there is no penalty for falsely filing a report. And so what this amendment does is to amend both of those sections so that the intentional reporting of false information by a packer in the report to the department required in section such-and-such is a Class IV misdemeanor. So it simply puts another little tooth in the enforcement provisions of this particular bill and I think Senator Dierks is amenable to that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Beutler. For discussion on the Beutler amendment, Senator Hilgert.

SENATOR HILGERT: (Mike not activated) ...I have a question for Senator Dierks...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Dierks, would you yield.

SENATOR HILGERT: ...before we wade into this amendment.

SENATOR DIERKS: Yes, I will.

SENATOR HILGERT: Senator Dierks, don't you think it would be more fair if this tax that you're trying to propose would be put on the producers because they are going to be benefiting from your bill?

SENATOR DIERKS: To do what, again?

SENATOR HILGERT: Should the tax be producer-based and put on all the producers in the state of Nebraska rather than the packers?

SENATOR DIERKS: It doesn't have to be done that way. The packers will get their money back when they...when they buy the cattle.

SENATOR HILGERT: Well, and furthermore, Senator, shouldn't this tax be voluntary, because why should we ask everyone to pay their fair share regarding this benefit that all producers are going to accrue?