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domesticated cervine animal facility. This offense would also be cause for suspension of the facility permit. (4) The range of fees from which the department established a permit fee schedule is amended to \$10 to \$200, instead of \$10 to \$50, to reflect the more realistic view of the costs which will be incurred by the department through the additional regulatory responsibilities. (5) Language making the commission responsible for all expenses and damage incurred by wild cervidae entering a domesticated cervine animal facility is eliminated. Additionally, neither the department nor the commission is liable for the value of any domesticated cervine animal destroyed under sections authorizing such destruction. And (6) books and records maintained by the permit holder are to be made available to the department for a period of five years. I should mention to you that all of these...this bill and all these amendments we're talking about have the approval of all the people involved, the elk producers, the Department of Agriculture, the Game and Parks Commission, the livestock industry, your Cattlemen's Association. And everybody who's been involved with it has agreed that what we're doing is the right step. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Mr. Clerk, an amendment on the desk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Dierks would move to amend the committee amendments. (AM1130, Legislative Journal page 1332.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Dierks, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. AM1130, which was filed today, consists of the final touches to the bill that were agreed to in a meeting with representatives of the Elk Producers and with the Game and Parks. The first change directs the Department of Ag to consult with the commission when developing rules and regulations for minimum requirements for perimeter fencing and handling facilities. The second change eliminates the reference to hunting. Transport animals that are taken from a domesticated cervine facility are to be given separate identification requirements. The reference to hunting is confusing. The Department of Ag has no powers over hunting, as we understand the term, but the commission does. The intent