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of this legislation is to allow for the taking of the cervine animals in a manner similar to other domesticated species, such as cattle, where the term hunting is not in the industry vocabulary. The third change relaxes a fixed time frame which the owner of an escaped domesticated cervine animal must capture the animal, within five days; the commission is then authorized to destroy them. The language allows the commission to give a reasonable extension of time to owners exhibiting a good faith effort to capture the escaped animals. If the escaped animal presents an immediate threat to health and safety, the commission retains the right to destroy the animal after five days. What is important to note here is that some of the cervine animals, which are recognized by the industry as high quality breeding stock, may have a value of upwards to \$100 to \$500,000. It would not be appropriate for the commission to destroy a valuable animal, if the owner has been making every attempt to recover it. I think everyone will agree that the owner of stock that this is...that this is...that is this valuable of an animal, would be doing everything possible to recover the animal. With that, I would...that...I would urge your acceptance of the amendments to the committee amendments and then the committee amendments to the bill and advancement of the bill. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Debate on the Dierks amendment to the committee amendments? Senator Hilgert.

SENATOR HILGERT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. If Senator Dierks would yield to a few questions, I'd like to flesh out a few issues on the record, please.

SENATOR DIERKS: Sure.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Dierks.

SENATOR HILGERT: Initially, for example, are zoological societies exempt from this legislation? For example, if we had some domesticated cervine animals, some elk at the Lee Simmons Conservation Park, near Ashland, would that facility be under the same guidelines as one of these producers, or are zoological societies exempt?