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understanding?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, generally speaking, I think you might want to ask Senator Dierks. I understand there are some things in his bill that will be necessary for state, and I think it may have to do with collection more than dissemination. I'm not...I'm not clear on the dissemination and collection, but the standards would be national. But I think there is some state requirements yet left in his bill, and he may speak better to that than I.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, and I will ask him. But do you think, if you have any reas...basis for it, that a preemption provision that may be under consideration would say that a state cannot adopt anything more stringent than what is in the federal statute, or anything which is different? In other words, could a state require less, or must it deal...take exactly what the federal government enacts, and they may not deviate from that, making it less stringent or more stringent?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, I can't really say.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: I think we're going to have to see, and then we may have to come back next year, having to do with terms of contracts and things. Many of these things have been worked out with...I think there's been our state organizations working with national organizations, which are working with the feds. I can only assume, to a large degree, that those issues will be hashed through, and may not agree entirely with what we have, but in the long run would be satisfactory, because still we know what we want, basically,...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: When you...excuse me.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...in terms of contracts and so forth. Excuse me.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: When you say state organizations, is the Farm Bureau in that mix, as far as you know?