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LB 331, 404

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is agreed to. Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Mr. President, I move the advancement of LB 331 to E & R for engrossing.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The question is the advancement of LB 331 to E & R. Those in favor say aye. Those opposed nay. The bill is advanced. Mr. Clerk, LB 404e.

CLERK: Mr. President, with respect to LB 404, Senator Beutler would move to return the bill.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Beutler, you're recognized on your motion to return.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Members of the Legislature, quibbler number two would like to ask you to have a short discussion of what I feel is somewhat of an analogy that's contained in Senator Dierks' bill here this morning. It's not an amendment intended to be brought to a vote, and...but I will give anybody and everybody an opportunity to respond, of course. It's really an idea kind of built around the old expression of what's good for the goose is good for the gander, or maybe more appropriately in this case, what's good for the deer is good for the steer. (Laughter.) Think back...think back on our conversations about fees pertaining to the Livestock Waste Facility Act and the assertion that fees in that case were not appropriate. Now you are passing and about to sign onto and approve a bill that has to do with domesticated cervine animals, meaning elk, deer, and other member of the family cervidae. And these are animals that have to be raised in a confined area, and the new law is requiring that they be kept at a premises for which a Domesticated Cervine Animal Facility Permit has been issued by the rural department. And curiously, this law, which came out of the rural community, has an annual permit fee for a Domesticated Cervine Animal Facility, and the annual permit fee they gave to the department the range of between \$10 and \$200, annually. Now I don't know all of the details of what the differences might be between those kinds of animals and pigs and deer and...or pigs and cows, and ducks and chickens. But it seems to me it's all in the same philosophy, that is those who incur the regulation,