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to render sheep carcasses. So if you brought a sheep into a veterinary clinic to have an autopsy, why, the veterinary clinician would tell you to take it home and dispose of it yourself because the rendering trucks wouldn't pick it up. It's an unfortunate thing, it's mostly a perception but as long as the perception is there it becomes a reality and we have to deal with it. So like I say, we haven't had bovine spongiform encephalomalacia, which is a fancy name for mad cow disease, present in the United States, but it is present in Europe; and they think it has caused the same...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: One minute.

SENATOR DIERKS: ...problem in people that it causes in livestock. It's a brain infection and it's deadly, I mean you don't survive it. So with that, the rendering plants have had problems. They have a product that probably should be used but it's, the price of it has gone down. They're not making it, it's not profitable for them anymore so they're unable to send big trucks out to pick up all these animals. They still will in some cases, but especially the smaller animals they're not, it's not profitable for them to come out. And I think we need to have this as an alternative way of handling these dead animals. It's difficult to bury a 1,000 pound cow. It's difficult to bury a 250 pound hog. It just isn't going to be done. The farmers are going to take them out and dump them on a hill someplace and let the coyotes have them, and that's not good practice either. So we need to have this I think as an alternative to allow us to get by the next year at least...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Time.

SENATOR DIERKS: ...until we can do something next year. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Jones, you are recognized to speak.

SENATOR JONES: Madam President and members of the body, I want to stand and support Senator Dierks' amendment because in fact it's been about three or four years ago, but I had this very same bill in front of Agriculture Committee, especially for baby pigs because there's no way that the rendering truck will come