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out and pick them up. And at that time, well, we talked about using straw in it. I guess I need to ask Senator Dierks just one question if I could.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Dierks, would you like to respond?

SENATOR DIERKS: Well, I will try.

SENATOR JONES: Yes, you spoke about using sawdust. Is it any different than the straw or is it a matter of just the idea of covering it so the...and keep out all the air, oxygen and things out so they will, bacteria will work?

SENATOR DIERKS: I don't think there's very much difference. I think the straw would work as well.

SENATOR JONES: Okay, thank you.

SENATOR DIERKS: You bet.

SENATOR JONES: If you see anything else on that, well, let me know but I think that that's a...I think either one of them will work. But we're having problems right now with the rendering trucks even coming to pick them up and if they start charging us, well, I know what I'm going to do because anytime I lose a critter, if I have to spend any more money on that critter, I won't do it. So I think that's the concern here and hope that we can make this work for a couple of years to see if we can get by that period. But it is, I think it's a good practice and especially for baby calves, pigs, because they're already doing it for chickens; and I don't see why we can't do it for calves and pigs both anyway and clear up to 300 pounds. Three hundred pounds would be a finishing hog. Most of them go out between 260 and 280 so it would take care of all of the finishing hogs. And also it would take care of gilts that you would lose because a lot of them wouldn't weigh over 300 pounds. You would have (inaudible) trouble with some big heavy sows or, of course, cows and bulls and things like that you'd have problems with, too, so hopefully we can get this amendment put on and get, move the bill on. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Jones. Senator Hilgert,