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SENATOR DIERKS: Well...

SENATOR HILGERT: And maybe that language should have been stricken out of the statute.

SENATOR DIERKS: No, I think it's all right. I'll tell you, I went out one day, a fellow called me out to look at a bunch of animals that had been struck by lightning and there were 24 cows that had all been struck by lightning. And the reason he found out about this, he was driving in the pasture and looking at these cattle and all of a sudden he saw two cows nursing one cow...two calves nursing one cow and this was going on all over the pasture. And he had a difficult time getting a count because it was a rough pasture. Well, one day he decided to do a little investigating and he drove up to a kind of a place that was covered with trees and it was kind of like a little volcano in there. It was just a dip in the pasture and there were all those cows that had died in there. I think there were, oh, a half a dozen calves in there that died but one bolt of lightning took care of all of them.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Time.

SENATOR DIERKS: Now that was not infectious disease so we know it isn't always true. But I guess to presume that it is is the safe way.

SENATOR HILGERT: Okay.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senators. Senator Janssen, you are recognized to speak.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I remember first hearing about composting when we were working with the people down at Falls City or wherever the chicken processing plant is at. I remember questioning the...that was on the Government Committee, I remember questioning the person who owned that company about this type of disposal of animals and chickens. At that time he was explaining how they layered the dead animals and so on so forth and I said, how in the world is this thing going to work? He went through the process of how the heat and the sawdust or the