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that, what they're getting for the finished product is not enough to even pay for the labor and the trucking.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Beutler, you are next to speak.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Dierks, if I could just ask you a couple of questions.

SENATOR DIERKS: Okay.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I don't know enough about the subject to have a very strong opinion on the matter itself. But you are indicating that you were following the journal, the Veterinary Medical Association Journal, as a kind of temporary measure. And I guess I was wondering if you were at all interested in a friendly amendment that would go something to the effect of requiring the Department of Agriculture to have rules and regulations by July 1 of the year 2000 which may continue or modify the procedures outlined in the journal. The thing that...let me just explain why I'm interested in it. It's very rare that we reference something as, I want to say imprecise. I don't mean to insinuate that it's not a very erudite kind of article in all probability. Obviously, I haven't seen it. But usually when we reference something, the only thing I can remember right offhand are explicit engineering standards, for example, that might have been set up in the first instance as a kind of legal model. Some of these articles may be very descriptive of a process, but somewhat imprecise and vague when it comes to trying to enforce them in a legal manner. And I'm worried about whether we should go with that kind of a reference at least for very long, least we get ourselves into lawsuits about what the journal really meant and that sort of thing. Did you have any strong feelings about that one way or another?

SENATOR DIERKS: Well, not really. I think that that's a good idea really because even if you do that, I might suggest that if you're going to put a date on it, it would be like in maybe October, November of 2000 because by the time the department has their hearings and set up their rules and regs, it would take