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them going pretty good, why they tossed the cow bodies in there. And I never did see the finished product, I don't imagine it was very pretty. But I assume that they got them pretty well burned. And then they pour lime all over them, sacks and sacks of lime, then they covered them up. But there the anthrax spore was present on the place anyway, you couldn't hardly contaminate anymore, but that's the way they handled that.

SENATOR PRICE: Um-huh. Well, thank you. I know the biggest complaint that I heard, or concern, was the fees that are now being assessed by rendering trucks. But they're trying to provide a service, but again the farmers are feeling like it's just yet another fee, whether you experience a large loss or a small loss.

SENATOR DIERKS: Yes and, if you recall, when we met with the puppy producers, last Saturday, in O'Neill, I asked them how they...how they dispose of their dead puppies. They said they have to dig...dig a grave for them. And, of course, that's not quite as monumental a task as it would be for a 1,000 pound cow, but...but it's still a task.

SENATOR PRICE: Um-huh. I thank you very much.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Preister, you are recognized to speak. Oh, I'm sorry, there is an amendment on the desk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Madam Presiden', Senator Beutler would move to amend the Dierks amendment. (FA233, Legislative Journal page 2177.)

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Schimek, Senator Dierks, this is the very amendment that I just discussed with you, which I put forward as a...intend it as a very friendly amendment. And again, it simply says that...it doesn't take out any of the language that is in this amendment but simply says that we expect the Department of Agriculture to come up with rules and regulations by November of the year 2000, and that those...essentially, those rules and regulations then, to the