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extent, will become the...the guiding documents, rather than the Veterinary Medical Association volume at that particular point in time. And that would be the traditional way that we would...that we would handle something like this, is through rules and regulations where our public can get involved and have a say in how the rules are shaped as opposed to referencing a journal, which can only be changed then by coming back in this Legislature and making that change. And perhaps...maybe the result of further investigation will be that you will want to have further types of statutory parameters on this, but on the other hand, maybe not. Maybe they will come up with rules and regulations that satisfy Senator Dierks and the committee, in which case we won't have to bother with legislation anymore, if we can slip this friendly amendment into the Dierks amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Dierks. Oh, I'm sorry, Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President. I had pressed my light on the original amendment, but I think Senator Beutler is getting close to what I was wanting to address, so I will speak a little bit on both. My concern, too, is how the rules and regs are developed. And I think Senator Beutler's amendment would allow for us to have a little bit more flexibility in the department doing that. Senator Dierks hasn't had a chance to comment on that yet, and his thoughts on it, maybe he needs to look at it in writing first. I was going to ask Senator Dierks a question about, if there is composting being done in other states, and if we have some experience to know what has happened in other areas, before we move into this area without any rules and regulations promulgated or without having some experience in order to base it upon?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Senator Dierks, would you yield?

SENATOR DIERKS: It's my understanding, Senator Preister, that composting is going on, animal composting is going on in...in parts of Canada, and I think that...did you say Missouri, Missouri is doing this. And one of the things I think is important, along with Senator Beutler's amendment, is that it will give the Department of Agriculture an opportunity to look