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is feasible?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Well, according to Senator Robak's bill, the Department of Agriculture and the Agriculture Committee of the Legislature shall provide a report to the Legislature which shall enumerate and describe any actions necessary to implement a state pilot program of meat and poultry inspection. It says report shall recommend any necessary changes to Nebraska meat and poultry inspection law, other statutory authority, and so forth and so forth, to meet those requirements.

SENATOR SCHROCK: So does that mean Senator Dierks will...will get a report on this then?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: The Agriculture Committee, yes.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Okay. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. A feasibility study would...would be conducted, of course, and we...this all depends upon how many...how many of these local processors are going to ask for the state inspection. Now, it's my understanding that...that you would not have to, you would not have to go along with the...with the state program. Senator...if I could ask Senator Dierks a question or two, please.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Dierks, would you respond?

SENATOR DIERKS: Yes, go ahead.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Senator Dierks, when we heard this bill in the Ag Committee, was there an option to keep the federal inspection in place of or...or go to the state inspection? I can't exactly remember how we tie...could you have one or the other, or would the...the federal be set aside and only the state would inspect these small processing plants?

SENATOR DIERKS: It's my understanding that the federal inspection that takes place today would continue to take place,