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SENATOR DIERKS: That's correct.

SENATOR RAIKES: Well, isn't...

SENATOR DIERKS: It won't affect the product that you buy over the counter.

SENATOR RAIKES: But it may in some sense limit my access to those types of drugs is what you're suggesting?

SENATOR DIERKS: I'm suggesting that what it will do, it will make legal, when you buy a prescription item, that you got a prescription from your veterinarian. That some veterinarian from Iowa can't write a prescription and a drug salesman come onto your place and sell you the product based on that veterinarian's prescription in Iowa, when he doesn't know your operation or your animals. It's for your own protection.

SENATOR RAIKES: So, is this...is this something that is brought to you by...by veterinarians? Is this something they're interested in to sort of...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR RAIKES: ...protect their business?

SENATOR DIERKS: This is something that was brought to me by the American Veterinary Med...actually, the Nebraska Veterinary Medical Association. But we also are doing what is recognized in federal law by what they call the AMDUCA Act, which is Animal Medicine Drug Use Clarification Act. And this has been advanced through Congress, it's part of our federal law, and it's part of what we should have in our state to protect, not only veterinarians, but also clients. Veterinarians need to be protected as well as clients, and this would provide that protection.

SENATOR RAIKES: Well, it's not clear to me how I, as a consumer of veterinary services, would be protected by this?

SENATOR DIERKS: Well, the way you would be protected is that you wouldn't...you wouldn't be subject to a drug salesman coming