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SENATOR DIERKS: I haven't used Micotil. I have not...since I left...that's a product that came on the market after I sold out of my practice. So I have not used that, Senator Raikes. I can't tell you.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay.

SENATOR DIERKS: If it's a prescription item, then it comes under this legislation.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay. Well, I appreciate your responsiveness. My concern here is that we're erecting some boundaries, or hurdles, or whatever you might want to call them, to prevent competitive firms to enter the drug supply business, if you will, for livestock. If there is a valid reason other than that to do this, I might be interested in that. If, however, and it seems right now I can't find the obvious reason that there would be a gain to me or someone else as a livestock producer from having this particular provision in law. And I would invite you to correct me.

SENATOR DIERKS: I think that you should have some information on your desk now that you can take a look at while we do a little pause, Senator Raikes. But the purpose of the bill is not to provide any added protection for the veterinarians. It's to add protection for you as a client who uses drugs or has the opportunity to misuse them if it's done...if you get a product that is a prescription item that you shouldn't have because you got it from a veterinarian that didn't know anything about your animals or their health or your health program. We're trying to protect you, and we're trying to protect the veterinary-client-patient relationship...

SENATOR CROSBY: One minute.

SENATOR DIERKS: ...with this. So no, I think there's a very definite plus for the consumer of the product, because you are going to be...you're going to be not allowed to use a product that is prescribed by somebody that doesn't even know anything about you. It...you may look on it as a money issue. I look on it as a safety issue. I think it's not only...