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breeder, I'd have to have a license from the state, and with that license comes the right of the state to come in and search my facility, and so there is no need for a search warrant. Instead of getting a search warrant, the local authority would simply ask the state to conduct an inspection. If the place is unlicensed it gets shut down automatically. If it is licensed but violating the laws it can be shut down. It should be noted that, unlike the original bill or previous versions of it, the amendment you have before you does not mandate that the state Department of Agriculture conduct precicensing inspections. This change was made to allow the program to be funded mainly from license fees. It also assumes that the vast majority of our breeders and kennel operators are doing a good job and not breaking the cruelty to animal laws. We do not know, in fact, how many times the Agriculture Department will be asked to conduct an inspection; our guess is perhaps 12 to 15 times a year, and I hope that that is on the high side. It is also our hope that once the word gets out that you need to have a license to operate your puppy or your dog raisers, your puppy or your kitten raisers, and that you can be inspected, those who are operating outside the law will clean up their act, or those who still want to run puppy mills will leave the state. According to the USDA, that has been largely the experience of states that initiated their own inspection and licensing programs, all of those states that have programs more wide-reaching and expensive than what we're proposing under LB 825. The change in the original bill I introduced last year to the current form I present to you today is drastically different from what you may have seen. We've had good communication with the groups who have opposed the bill in 1990 and then the ones who opposed my initial bill earlier this year. We have communicated and have met with the various groups and I have had no one that has come before me in opposition to this current bill based on cat and dogs. The bill came out of the Ag Committee 7 to 0 to 1, and so now the committee amendments become the bill, and so I will let Senator Vrtiska, Vice Chair of the Ag Committee, present the committee amendments and I would be happy to answer any questions that anyone would have regarding LB 825.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Price. Senator Vrtiska, on the committee amendments to LB 825.