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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Dierks, would you respond?

SENATOR DIERKS: Well, I will try to, Mr. President, members of the body. I don't have that Section 5 that you're talking about in front of me right now. Is that in the bill itself, Senator Beutler?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, it's not in the bill, because you...

SENATOR DIERKS: Okay, yeah. Okay.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...don't have need to amend anything in that section, so...

SENATOR DIERKS: Well, just let me tell you generally what I think the answer is to your question. This bill does not change the fact that a farmer or rancher who has animals to treat can go ahead and treat them, themselves, buy the vaccine as they need it, or the antibiotic over-the-counter. The only thing that this affects is prescription items and those prescription items usually are hormones. Now, there are some other items that...some of the antibiotics, antibiotics, I guess, are prescription only. The problem that we've had is that with the advent of a lot of procedures, like heat synchronization in heifers, that takes a certain amount of hormones, depending on the way you do that, to treat those animals. Currently, these drug peddlers, I call them, they go around the country with their trucks and have all the drugs on them, anywhere from ropes and cattle prods to vaccines, antibiotics and hormones and sprays, you know, insecticides, they can't sell those products to a farmer or a rancher without, now I'm talking about prescription-only items, without a prescription signed by a veterinarian. And the problem we come up with then is there are veterinarians who will sign pads of prescription blanks just to be good guys and allow these people to continue to peddle those products. There's a very specific thing that came up just in this last week. There was a trace of DES, and that's a hormone, the initials stand for diethylstilbestrol. We used it for years, when I was first in practice, as an "abortant" on heifers. They found...it's been off the market; it's been forbidden to be used for 25 years, maybe 30 years now. And so