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of knowing, as I'm sure the rest of you don't, the whole picture, only what we've been told by the Game and Parks and by Mr. Meints, and the purpose of this bill. The purpose of this bill is to protect those people who have a fear about what might happen if more of these pigs are brought in. I guess I also have a question of Senator Schrock.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Schrock, would you yield to a question, please?

SENATOR VRTISKA: Senator Schrock, he has these pigs there, but does he also breed sows to raise more pigs? Or do you know?

SENATOR SCHROCK: He did at one time, Senator Vrtiska. Game and Parks has cited him for having wild boars. Under the present regulations, it is illegal to possess wild boars. They have cited him. But as of now, the county attorney has not prosecuted. But the county attorney has the information.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Do you have any reason why they haven't prosecuted?

SENATOR SCHROCK: I do not, Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: According to the information I got, nothing has happened. Is...where is it at? Do you know?

SENATOR SCHROCK: I don't know where that's at now. But I know that he has not been prosecuted as of yet. But Game and Parks has turned the information over to the county attorney. He has been cited by Game and Parks for the illegal possession of wild boars.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, as I indicated at the outset of this talk, my concern, of course, is for the future of the neighbors who have domesticated hogs that they're raising in the area, and they have a concern, and I can understand that. Hopefully a decision can be arrived at soon as to the...whether these hogs that he has down there are actually legal or not,...

SPEAKER BROMM: One minute.