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amendment rewrites the definition of animals subject to the Animal Import Act by replacing the current definition with the following: "all vertebrate members of the animal kingdom, except humans, fish, amphibians, and reptiles". This definition mirrors the definition of "animal" found in 54-703, under the Department of Agriculture's general disease power. The committee amendments, however, exclude embryos and semen from the definition of the "animal", as I stated, as was included in the original bill. The reason for not including embryo and semen is that it's not clear at this time how a certificate of veterinary inspection would be provided on these items. Also, we heard testimony from the industry that the practice of the industry is that items typically come from the donor animals whose owner enrolls in a disease certification program, that the likelihood of embryos and semen is a disease vector, that is very...the risk is very low. That, I guess, basically explains the amendments. It just removes the embryo and semen and defines a little bit more clearly the definition of "animals". Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kremer. You've heard the opening on the committee amendments offered by Chairman Kremer. Open for discussion on those amendments. Senator Kremer, there are no lights on. He waives the opportunity to close. The question before the body is adoption of the committee amendments to LB 160. All in favor of the motion to adopt vote aye, opposed nay. The question before the body is adoption of the committee amendments to LB 160. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Committee amendments are adopted. Back to discussion of the bill itself. Open for discussion on the advancement of LB 160. Seeing no lights on, Senator Kremer, you can...he waives the opportunity to close. The question before the body is the advancement of LB 160 to E & R Initial. All in favor of that motion to advance vote aye, opposed nay. We're voting...the question before the body is the advancement of LB 160 to E & R Initial. Have you all voted who care to?