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take my word for it that this language was accepted. There was one person who testified in a neutral capacity from the breeders. He had been told about this amendment that I was going to propose. But at the time he testified, it had not been adopted. Once he was given the assurance that the amendment would be adopted, it was discussed as I presented the bill to the committee, there was no opposition from anybody. What I would like to do, but I know my time is running out, is turn my light on, and put into the record some of the specific protections for these animals. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: There are committee amendments. Chairman Kremer of the committee, you're recognized to open on those committee amendments. (AM0249, Legislative Journal page 455.)

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Mr. President. As Senator Chambers stated, the committee amendments are the bill. And he's addressing that right now. So I would turn my time back to Senator Chambers if he'd like to finish on them.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you're recognized.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. And I think I heard an "s" in the middle of that, so it sounded more like "Sinister" than "Senator." But either one is all right. members of the Legislature, here are some of the provisions. In fact, I think I can get them all in. Because this committee amendment will be the bill. A commercial breeder shall maintain housing facilities and primary enclosures in a sanitary condition; enable all dogs and cats to remain dry and clean; provide shelter and protection from extreme temperatures and weather conditions that may be uncomfortable or hazardous to the dogs and cats; provide sufficient shade to shelter all the dogs and cats housed in the primary enclosure at one time; provide dogs and cats with easy and convenient access to adequate amounts of clean food and water; provide adequate space appropriate to the age, size, weight, and breed of dog or cat. For purposes of this subdivision, adequate space means sufficient space to allow each dog and cat to turn about freely, to stand, sit, and lie in a comfortable, normal position, and to walk in a normal manner without the head of such animal touching