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the top of the cage, which shall be at least six inches above the head of the tallest animal when the animal is standing. That provision about the six inches was recommended by the breeders, because that is a requirement they must meet anyway. So since it was going to be put into the statute, they wanted the language to be the same. Continuing: provide dogs with adequate socialization and exercise. For the purpose of this subdivision, adequate socialization means physical contact with other dogs and with human beings, other than being fed, and adequate exercise means providing the opportunity for exercise at least two times per day outside of a cage or similar small enclosure, except during inclement weather that may be hazardous to dogs; assure that a handler's hands are washed before and after handling each infectious or contagious dog or cat; and provide veterinary care without delay when necessary. Each one of these provisions is commonsensical. Each one ought to be complied with anyway. But in a lot of cases they are not. This not only gives a guide to the commercial breeder, but it gives the inspector a short checklist to go over to see if these basics are complied with. If they are not, then it's likely that others are not complied with also. There is no fiscal impact. I don't bring bills that cost the state money. Because when we deal with those who are voiceless, we usually are dealing with those who are so far below the standard that ought to be applied that if we can just bring them up to that standard, which costs no money, we have improved their condition. After bringing them to what ought to be the basic level below which no creature should fall when it comes to proper treatment, after reaching that level, perhaps other things may be requested. But the only thing this bill will do is to ensure that humane treatment is accorded these animals who are under the control of commercial breeders. What I have just discussed are the committee amendments. So the motion I'm making now, renewing the motion that you adopt these committee amendments which become the bill. And I'm prepared to answer any questions. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You've heard the opening on the committee amendments by Chairman of the committee Kremer and Senator Chambers. Open for discussion on those committee amendments. Senator Hartnett.