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SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you respond to a question, Senator Chambers?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I will.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Senator Chambers, this is only dealing with the animals that are in the agencies that take care of or house animals? This has nothing to do with animals in private care?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: These...this deals only with commercial breeders. It doesn't even deal with the shelters and the other facilities. But I have a bill that is going to touch on some of the requirements for the shelters. But this does not apply to a private owner. But there are animal cruelty statutes which would punish a person if he or she treated an animal in a way that's cruel, no matter what that way might be.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Senator Chambers. It really bothers me and concerns me, you know, how sometimes animals are treated. But I guess in the conversation that we've had with Senator Chambers, you know, that is taken care of under the cruelty and humane treatment of animals. But I really think this possibly should maybe go a little bit further. But I applaud him for bringing this up at this time. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. Any further discussion on the committee amendments? Seeing none, Senator Kremer, did you wish to close on...?

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Mr. President. I will just reiterate that the committee amendments strike the original sections and become the bill. The amendment retains the original purpose of the bill, to statutorily prescribe standards for facilities and primary enclosures maintained by commercial breeders, as that answers Senator Stuthman's question too. And Senator Chambers has very...did a good job of explaining his bill. So I just ask you to adopt the amendments to LB...the committee amendments to LB 273.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kremer. You've heard the