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Erdman said. The amendment, AM0506 here, contains part of what the amendment was brought to us by Senator Chambers in the committee, with the inclusion also that they had to be neutered or spayed before they were sold. The reason, mainly, that we didn't vote it out of committee is because there was really no notification that this was...that this amendment would be forthcoming. And we did not even have a copy of it ourselves. The Department of Agriculture did not know about it, nor the pet shops. And we really don't know how much it would take for the department to administer this program, how many pet shops there are, or all the consequences of it. I think it's a good bill to come back with next year and have a hearing on it, and something that maybe we should do. But I believe at this time, because there's not been notification and people to be able to respond to it, I will have to vote no. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kremer. Senator McDonald on the Chambers amendment.

SENATOR McDONALD: Senator Chambers, I'd like to ask you a question.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you respond, Senator Chambers?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR McDONALD: I have a client that is...I think she's probably in her mid-eighties. She has a couple of dogs that she breeds several times a year. Let me tell you, these dogs are treated better than her grandchildren. Is she going to have any more requirements on her with licensing than she would? Is she considered a pet shop?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, nor a dealer or a breeder, as far as I know.

SENATOR McDONALD: Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So it doesn't affect people at that level at all.