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SPEAKER BROMM: Is there any objection? There is none. It is so substituted.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Baker would move to amend with AM1464. (Legislative Journal pages 1385-1386.)

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Baker, you're recognize to open.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature. I...the amendment I withdrew was drafted to the committee amendments, and when we adopted Senator Landis' amendment that was the clean-up amendment from the Department of Revenue, suggested by them, I had to simply redraft my amendment to what the committee amendments read now. So that's AM1464. If you want to refer, I'll read it to you what we adopted in Senator Landis' clean-up amendment was a definition of veterinary services that was exempt. And I'm reading from the amendment that was adopted, the veterinary services were exempt provided with regard to animal life other than animal life of a kind the products of which ordinarily constitute food for human consumption. When that was drafted, apparently it was overlooked that there is a definition of livestock in the statutes. It's in Chapter 54-183. To save you the trouble of running back and looking at Chapter 54-183, I'll read it to you. What it...it includes in the definition of livestock, it includes cattle, horses, sheep, swine, and don't ask me why, but mules and donkeys. Those are the six classifications of livestock that would be exempt under veterinary services and I simply want to do this as a means to provide some crystal-clear direction to the Department of Revenue what is exempt. So any veterinary services to cattle, horses, sheep, swine, mules or donkeys would be exempt rather than the language we put in there that says it's a product that which ordinarily constitutes food. So this is a clean-up amendment. I want to make crystal-clear that this definition is already in the statutes, Chapter 54-183, and I want to simply insert it into the amendment that was adopted that was carried by Senator Landis for the Department of Revenue. That's all it does. I'd be glad to answer any questions. Thank you.