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applications. Who were the people making a run on this program? The cattle producers. If there is a panic, it is in the industry. If there is hysteria, it's among the producers. If there is a hysterical reaction, it's on the part of the USDA if they should not have shut down this program. So if the public were to sit back, have no comment, but just watch the players, you would see hysteria on their part. And why are these producers running on the program? Because they're trying to protect the monetary value of their livestock. I think they might can insure up to 1,000 animals, or something like that. Jokes can be made about BSE, and people can say, I'm going to eat more hamburgers, because they have no idea of the devastating effects of this disease, and they do not realize that it's 100 percent fatal; that you don't get it and you just scratch a little bit, you cough awhile, you vomit, you go to bed for a couple of weeks, you eat chicken soup and take in fluids, and it begins to abate. It gets worse and worse. You ultimately have dementia and fall into a coma after you go through some painful other degenerative experiences. However, what I do agree with Senator Wehrbein on, and since agriculture is such an important part of this state's economy, and the state produces more cattle than any other single state in the country, we cannot be blind or deaf to the reality that when people's livelihood is threatened, or if they perceive it to be threatened, they're going to behave in a way entirely different from how they would behave if such were not the case. So, Senator Wehrbein, even though I've been critical of what Senator Schrock has talked about, even though I've discussed BSE, and I intend to do it more, I am not unsympathetic...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...to what is confronting people in this state. But only by discussing the severity of the problem, the seriousness of the disease, can we alert people to the fact that it may be necessary at some point for the Legislature to do something. I don't know what. I don't know what the Legislature can do, or if there will be anything it can do. But if a point is reached where that is possible, the public should have been educated to the point where they will understand that legislative action may be necessary. But if nobody on this