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whine all they want to about the increased cost per critter of additional extensive testing. But if that testing does not occur and the markets in other countries remain closed, over a \$1 billion market, what is going to happen in this country? Stubborn, bullheaded people who say, I'm not going to have the government tell...they'd say "gummint," g-u-m-m-i-n-t, like former President Reagan. I'm not going to have the "gummint" tell me what to do with my critters; I ain't gonna test them. Fine, don't test them. And you're not going to have anyplace to sell your product, so you'll be sitting there at home on the range, where you hear nothing but discouraging words. Reality is what we have to deal with, and truth is what has to be told. This is not time to try to spare people's feelings. But if that is the approach that those who represent these areas...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and these interests are going to take, soothe them, make them feel good, and let them go belly up and face total ruin. The broad aspect of the problem cannot be addressed by this Legislature. Even if, within this state, every critter were tested, they would still be coming from the United States, and probably no country would accept them. But we have to tell the truth. Let the chips fall, and then see what we can do about them. I do not have any objection at this point to Senator Schrock's motion, so I withdraw my objection.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Without any objection, the bill is bracketed till certain date. Items for the record, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. I have new bills.

SENATOR CUDABACK: New bills, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Read LB 1062-1066 by title for the first time.) Mr. President, then new resolution: LR 221CA, offered by Senator Brown, a constitutional amendment proposed to Article III, Section 19 of the constitution. And, Mr. President, hearing notices from the Natural Resources Committee for a series of different dates. And that's all that I have at this time,