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body. I appreciate the adoption of the committee amendment. I urge the advancement of the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The question before the body is advancement of LB 315 to E & R Initial. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. The question before the body is advancement of LB 315. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 315 does advance. Mr. Clerk, next bill.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, LB 837 was offered by Senator Kremer. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 7 of this year, referred to the Agriculture Committee. That committee advanced the bill to the floor with no committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Kremer, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members of the body. LB 837 is really a cleanup bill that was brought to us by the Department of Agriculture. And the bill affects two programs administered by the department's Bureau of Animal Industry. One is the Pseudorabies Control and Eradication Act, and the other deals with the Livestock Marketing Act. Section 1 amends 54-2280 of the Nebraska Pseudorabies Control and Eradication Act, defined as cleanup testing as including 100 percent of the breeding swine as affected in the swine herd for the purposes of detecting and removing additional affected swine, and up to--that's the words that are changed from what we had before--up to 100 percent of the remaining swine, and up to 100 percent of the swine in a nonbreeding herd. Currently, this section defines a cleanup testing in a manner that suggests that all swine in the herd that are to be tested. This really clarifies the federal standards and better states what was intended in the cleanup act. Last session, we passed LB 158, and this was kind of an oversight. It looked like we was requesting that all swine be tested, and it actually is just 100 percent of the breeding swine and up to 100 percent of the