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SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature. Senator Chambers, I heard you mention the fact that you would be able to set up specific areas where these animals would be. Are you envisioning that this area would be contained, so to speak, so that something next to it, such as an insecticide, pesticide, or something, could not drift over into that area and harm those animals or reptiles or whatever they would have in there? Have you given any thought to that?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Janssen, that's where I think the inspection and the regulation by the Department of Ag would come in. They are to look at the establishment and the area set aside for this purpose and make sure that it complies with the statute, and there is language that relates to the safety, welfare, and protection of the animals. But this bill that I'm doing here touches on nothing but the definitions and the description of what constitutes a pet shop and the area that would be involved with that.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Chambers. I know there are certain chemicals that affect animals, reptiles, fish that can drift over quite an area, especially if a spill or something would happen. So I'm sure the Department of Agriculture and their inspection division will be aware of this. Hopefully, they will. Maybe we would need to come back sometime and clarify that a little greater with the Department of Agriculture. With that, thank you, Senator Chambers. Thank you, Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Senator Chambers, there are no further lights on. He waives closing. Question before the body is advancement of LB 1002 to E & R Initial. All in favor of the motion vote aye, opposed nay. Question before the body is advancement of LB 1002 offered by Senator Chambers. 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 1002 does advance. Mr. Clerk, LB 819.