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aware of it and can round them up earlier. But a concern we have is...I would like to read to you testimony. Feral swine testing in Georgia from 1991 to 1998 revealed that, out of 1,229 animals tested, 29 carried pseudorabies, and 3.8 percent carried swine brucellosis, both threats to our domestic industry. And the swine brucellosis can be transmitted to people. So, Senator Louden and Senator Chambers, be glad to work with you between now and Select File, should this advance, on the definition, but right now the agricultural community and the Game and Parks is satisfied with the definition. And if you're a farmer or you're out there in rural Nebraska and you know a little bit about these things, when hogs do escape, if they are not contained, they do revert to the wild state, or can, and could be identified, I think, by Game and Parks. So I'm going to oppose, Senator Louden, I'm sorry, I'm going to oppose your amendment and ask that we advance this bill, as amended by AM0028, and I will support Senator Kremer's bill. If I have any time left, I would give it to Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Senator Schrock.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: I think my light was on next anyway, and I just wanted to also maybe address a couple of concerns of Senator Louden. He has in his amendment that the commission or any person could destroy. The very reason that we have Game and Parks involved is that, if there is swine loose and that you really can't determine if it's...if it's a feral swine or a domesticated swine, that we could have somebody with some expertise be involved in it, and don't want just anybody to be able to go out and shoot them. We're trying to be proactive and not let the swine herd get a foothold in Nebraska, because it's been very destructive in many states. I think the definition of feral swine was taken from definitions of some other states. The question of area, I don't know how you do it any other way. You can't say, within two miles, in three miles or whatever. Everybody, you know, if you're living out there and there's a swine loose, you know that there...if there's a swine herd close to you and whether it's likely to escape, that you would, of course, first of all, try to find out, if you could, if it