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And then feral swine may be destroyed as provided in Section 37-524.01, which goes back to how you're going to be illegal to have them in the Game and Parks bill over here. So I think we're trying to breed some horses to cattle, or vice versa or something here, but I don't think this is the way we need to go about it. I think each bill should stand up on its own and be decided on its own factor. I think Senator Kremer's bill needs to have more definition of a feral swine. I don't think it should be applied to how it's going to be destroyed by the Game and Parks. That's probably one deal. I think the livestock industry should be set aside on how they're going to handle feral swine if they're estrays. Feral swine aren't necessarily completely wild. They could be reverted from domestic not that far back. Senator Stuthman pointed out that some of the hogs they had got loose and it was five months or so. Probably some of the pigs nowadays wouldn't survive in the wild for a length of time, but when I grew up, as a youngster, hogs were raised in the wild where I came from. Like I said before, they were herded into town. I've known people that drove their hogs 25 miles into Ellsworth, loaded them up on railroad cars and shipped them to Omaha. This isn't uncommon for pigs to be free-ranging hogs, as you would say with cattle. When I was a youngster, I raised hogs. We didn't have heated facilities for them. We had old buildings and shacks out there that we threw a pile of hay in for them and they took care of themselves winter and summer. It took real cold weather for hogs to suffer much. They went out in the cold weather just like anything else. So this isn't something that we have a real definition of what a feral swine is. I think some of this needs to be worked on. I would rather see Senator Schrock's bill stand alone. I think I could support it stand alone. As an amendment to Senator Kremer's bill, LB 20, I really don't think the two belong together. Thank you. I'll turn the rest of my time back to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Loudon. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Brashear, you're recognized to speak.

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, I would like to share with you that I have established a priority bill system for the session. It is not what we have