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are farmers, and so I think their main goal is to protect our agricultural production in the state and not to have another pest introduced in this state. And if it does show up, they want to be able to take the lead on it and get ahead of the curve and stop the animal from multiplying and spreading. I have passed out a brochure this morning which is furnished by the Game and Parks Commission, which kind of describes what a feral pig is, what a wild pig is, and I hope that's adequate. Thank you for your time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. (Doctor of the day introduced.) Open for discussion on the Schrock amendment, AM0028, to LB 20. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I've thought about this bill and I've come around to Senator Louden's position, as I think it exists. I heard what Senator Schrock said about the need for two bills, but when I put the two amendments side by side, the bill which we're on now, which is LB 20, and Senator Schrock's amendment, which is LB 29, I cannot see the need for both of them. The one that we don't need, in my opinion, is the underlying bill that is being amended, and that's LB 20. If you look on page 2, and I'll say this for the record whether anybody wants to look there or not, the existing language says, starting in line 13, "Livestock." This is the definition of livestock: "Livestock means any domestic cattle, horses, mules, donkeys, sheep, or swine." The new language is, "excluding feral swine." Then they give the definition of feral swine, and they write it in such a way as to make it seem to fit in this section which is talking about something other than the intent of the bill, in my view. "Domestic" is a word, when applied to animals, that everybody understands who would have anything to do with it. They define "feral swine" as meaning, "swine whose reversion from the domesticated state." That part of the definition is for the purpose, in my view, of tying this language about feral swine into a section of statute where it need not be placed. Let us just leave the definition of livestock as it is. Then, when you're dealing with feral swine, take Senator Schrock's bill. So what I'm ultimately going to try to do, if you adopt Senator Schrock's amendment, is strike Senator Kremer's bill. I was