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surveillance and the monitoring of the poultry industry, and they felt like it maybe wasn't clear that it took away some authority that they had. And the intent of the amendment is to clarify that, while we intend the purposes of the surveillance to be conducted on a voluntary cooperation, LB 856 does not preclude the department from utilizing its personnel and authority it currently has to have access to animals for the purpose of surveillance if there's a gap becomes apparent in the noncooperation. So it still gives them authority to do things, but still try to do it on a voluntary basis. So with that, I will close on the amendment and ask your favorable support. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kremer. You've heard the opening on AM2214 to the committee amendments to LB 856. Open for discussion. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Kremer did a very good job of explaining the underlying bill, the other bills that will be added by way of amendment, and this amendment which you have before you now, all of which I will support. I want to ask Senator Kremer a question or two.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Kremer, would you yield?

SENATOR KREMER: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Kremer, I'm looking at the amendment numbered AM2107, which would be the committee amendment. Do you have a copy of that before you?

SENATOR KREMER: Yes, I do.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm going to start at line 23 on page 1 and continue to line 1 at the top of page 2.

SENATOR KREMER: Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: "Hatching eggs means eggs of poultry for hatching purposes including embryonated eggs." What are embryonated eggs?