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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. President,...

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...on that, but I have another question to ask Senator Kremer at this point.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Kremer.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Kremer, when we were talking about bird flu, considering the types of hearings that occur in the Ag Committee, it could be called a relatively lively or engaging discussion, wouldn't you say?

SENATOR KREMER: Yes, I would. It was a good discussion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And there was a lot of very valuable information provided which would have benefited the public at large if they had been able to hear it. Would you agree?

SENATOR KREMER: I would agree.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And a distinction was made between the strain of the virus, which goes from bird to bird, and distinguished that from a virus which may, at some point, be transmitted from human to human. That distinction was made pretty clear, don't you think?

SENATOR KREMER: Yes, I think it was. It was a good discussion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And although a bird with that H5N1 fatal strain, which if a human happens to contract it could be fatal for a human being, the discussion pointed out that how that occurs, generally is believed to take place when a person has contact with an infected bird, but I don't know that all of the mechanisms that allow that transfer to occur have been completely determined. Was that kind of your understanding of what that discussion was that we had?

SENATOR KREMER: Yes, I think it is. I think there are a lot of things that we don't understand, and I know that I understand an