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SENATOR CHAMBERS: And that BSE refers to, in popular parlance, mad cow disease.

SENATOR KREMER: That's correct.

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SENATOR CHAMBERS: And this that Senator Fischer is offering us will have a direct bearing on what we've just been discussing, correct?

SENATOR KREMER: It will just be much easier to verify these animals. Right now, it takes a...it's kind of complicated to make sure that they're under that age, where if every animal is identified for the birth date and all that, they would be very easy to monitor that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Kremer, had you been interested in a bill of this kind for some time?

SENATOR KREMER: Well, yes, but I think just in the last two or three years it's really come to the forefront.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So there was interest in it before Senator Fischer brought her...

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...version. Is that correct?

SENATOR KREMER: I don't know if it was on the radar screen much before last year or not, but then I...to some extent, we have been interested in it before that, but...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. I'd like to ask Senator Fischer a question while she's still on her feet.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Senator Fischer, would you yield?