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to have Senator Mines...a question, I guess. When we had this hearing in the Ag Committee, I was absent. We had a death in the family. And I know that there was some opposition from the veterinarians and I think they came back in support with some change. Could you just bring us up to that a little bit, what the opposition was and why they support it now, if they do?

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Senator Mines, would you yield?

SENATOR MINES: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Kremer, you capsulized it very well. The veterinarians were concerned that we would force them to license facilities in their veterinary facilities, and the committee amendment takes that away from any consideration and that's why the veterinarians agreed to sign on to the bill.

SENATOR KREMER: Okay. And at this time, you don't know of opposition from any of those that do house puppies or kitties or what.

SENATOR MINES: No, Senator, I'm not aware of any opposition.

SENATOR KREMER: Okay. Senator Chambers looks like he's making a statement of some kind here, so thank you. (Laughter)

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Kremer. Senator Foley.

SENATOR FOLEY: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. I wonder if Senator Mines would yield to a question.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Senator, would you yield?

SENATOR MINES: Thank you, Mr. President. Yes, Senator Foley.

SENATOR FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Mines. I'm just catching up with you a little bit here and trying to read through your amendment and digest it. Suppose a private owner owns a dog, the dog has puppies. Would this provision apply to that private owner, or is this just something that applies to the so-called puppy mills?