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and older people, I seem to do better than I do with the categories that are not included in the ones that I mentioned. Senator Mines is bringing an amendment which I think is very wholesome, I think it is valuable, and it's good that Senator Foley asked the question that he did so that people's mind could be set at ease. Others may have been wondering the same thing, so I think the record is clear. This little dog is very nervous around people. She's not trembling now because she's in very good hands and she knows that she's protected from all hurt, harm and danger when I'm anywhere on the scene. But were it not for the fact that we have the type of issue that Senator Mines is bringing to us, I would not have brought her on the floor. I am protective of her in the way that she is protective of me when a stranger comes into the office. So I want to indicate my strong support for Senator Mines' amendment, and I appreciate the fact that he's bringing it and that Senator Kremer is in support, and that's all I would have. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Erdman.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. Members of the Legislature, if Senator Mines would yield to a question.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Senator Mines, would you yield?

SENATOR MINES: Yes, Mr. President. Senator.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Senator Mines, I had a chance to review the comments that you shared with us in your opening. I think it's the fifth bullet on your first page there about how all dogs are treated or how all dogs are in the confinement of a commercial operation. Could you read that bullet point to me, please?

SENATOR MINES: There are 4,000 to 5,000 puppy mills in the United States?

SENATOR ERDMAN: I think it's the fifth one. It says dogs are all treated and forced-fed and that, that one.

SENATOR MINES: I said that in puppy mills, dogs are bred solely for profit with little concern for their physical health. Most