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on FA526.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the existing language in the law, which Senator Kremer did not put there, is what I'm dealing with in this amendment. I'm going to read the entire subsection (8) for the record. "Pullorum and typhoid clean means poultry in which no pullorum-typhoid reactors were found on the first official blood test or," and this is the language that I find nonsensical, "which have been retested with two consecutive official negative tests." How are you going to retest something with negative tests? They don't mean what they're saying here. They can't mean what they're saying here, so I'm trying to help them out. I'm trying, grammatically speaking, to bring a clean thing out of an unclear thing. But before I do that, I'm going to ask Senator Kremer for some guidance. Senator Kremer, pullorum is a bacterial infection that can be deadly when it comes to these kind of critters that we're talking about, as can the typhoid pathogen.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Senator Kremer.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So would you agree with that?

SENATOR KREMER: Yes, I would.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, now, "Doctor" Kremer, would you look in line 13, starting with the word "retested"? And I'm going to read the language in line 13 and the language in line 14: "retested with two consecutive official negative tests." What are negative tests that are used for the purpose of retesting? What does that mean?

SENATOR KREMER: A negative test is when you could not find the presence of the disease that you're testing for. A positive test would show that there was a presence.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is there such a thing as a negative test that is used for the purpose of retesting? Is...aren't they talking about a test that produced a negative result? Isn't that what they're talking about?