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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Mines, to open on your motion to return.

SENATOR MINES: Thank you, Mr. President, colleagues. I would ask your indulgence to return LB 856 for an amendment. We had...I had a meeting with...and this has to do with puppy mills and dates upon which puppies can be sold, as well as the authority given to the inspector by the Legislature, and the inspector is an employee of the Department of Agriculture. We had discussions with the department and I would like to return the bill to explain those changes.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Mines. You've heard the opening on the motion to return for a specific amendment. Open for discussion. Senator Mines, there are no lights on. Senator Mines waives closing. The question before the body is, shall LB 856 be returned? All in favor vote aye; opposed, nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 35 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to return.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The bill has been returned. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator Mines would offer AM2886.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Mines, to open on AM2886 to LB 856.

SENATOR MINES: Thank you, Mr. President, colleagues. Please excuse my voice. I'd like to thank Senator Kremer for working with me on this amendment and for all his help in the process thus far. The amendment I offer for you would modify an earlier amendment I offered as a result of a meeting between the Department of Agriculture, Senator Kremer, and myself. Under the language of my earlier amendment, the department was concerned that they might become a primary complaint agency for animal cruelty violations. That wasn't my intent at all and this amendment would make clear that the animal inspectors' duties are to enforce the dog and cat inspection act. And they would only apply when a violation is observed in the course of performing normal inspection activities. This amendment also inserts language that would add the requirement that the