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Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm opposed to Senator Raikes' motion and to the amendment. I'd like to ask Senator Mines a question or two so that we can get a bit of information into the record.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Mines, would you yield?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Mines, eight weeks was not just pulled out of the air, was it?

SENATOR MINES: No, Senator Chambers, it was not. Eight weeks was the recommended period of time as per the Nebraska Dog Breeders Association.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank...and that is a legitimate, recognized association, true?

SENATOR MINES: They are.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, this language that says eight weeks is a policy decision that had been arrived at with the concurrence and participation of dog breeders who do understand what it is that we're dealing with here. I do not think that policy decision ought to be overturned for a particular niche which wants to train these animals. And I know it's done for money, which is not bad. But we ought not to overturn this particular decision for the reasons that Senator Raikes gave to us. The eight weeks is a reasonable period of time. It allows the time being spent by the small animal with its mother so that when that separation does occur, no undue harm befalls the puppy or the kitten. These people who want to do this training can easily adapt to what the law is now. It may be convenient for them, but we're looking at the overall good of these animals. And for that reason, I am strongly in opposition to Senator Raikes' proposal. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Further discussion on the motion to return? Senator Raikes, followed by