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There were some concerns with the original bill. I will rapidly go through the bill. I think we have time.

Section 1, of course, establishes the Nebraska Poultry and Egg Resources Act.

Section 2 establishes a division of Poultry and Egg Development.

Section 3 provides for the various definitions.

I hope you are on the white copy, those of you who are trying to follow.

Section 4, on page 5, provides for a committee and defines the membership of the committee in regard to the administration of the act.

Section 5 provides for a per diem. It provides a \$25 per day per ~~dem~~ for members of the committee. By way of explanation, there are 14 different directors and two ex officio members. The President of the Poultry Industries, Inc. in Nebraska shall serve as the President of the committee, or the Chairman of the committee.

Section 7, on page 5, establishes a cause for the existence and the methods by which the activities of the committee are carried out. It defines very vividly and very much in detail those activities that will be carried out.

Section 8 of the Act provides for the check-off and the ability to reduce the check-off if the Director of Agriculture decides that more money is being raised than is needed. The original amount of the check-off is 5¢ per dozen of eggs produced. It provides for 3¢ for each turkey that is produced.

Section 9 provides for a refund. The Committee on Agriculture and Environment felt very strongly that those producers who do not choose to participate should not have to. It provides in Section 9 that the director shall, upon application by the producer, refund those fees that were collected from the producer who does not desire to participate.

Section 10 provides for the method of collection and for the keeping of records.

Section 11 provides that the Director of Agriculture shall report annually to the public showing all the income and expenditures of the fund.

Section 12 exempts the small producer from the provisions of the act. Any producer who produces less than 5 cases of eggs per week does not have to go through the collection and refund process. If he chooses he may opt out of the program.

Section 13 provides that the State Treasurer shall establish a fund from which, of course, expenditures shall be made.