

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Dierks, would you take just a minute or two to refresh the collective mind of the body as to the nature of your bill.

SENATOR DIERKS: Yes, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. LB 106 was a bill that I introduced on behalf of livestock producers and veterinarians in the state, deals with the sales tax collection on livestock products that are bought from veterinarians and from co-ops and from feed stores those pharmaceuticals and biologicals that are used in the food chain...the production of animals in the food chain. It's an exemption and we have gone through a series of amendments by Senator Beutler. Currently we're doing an amendment by Senator Hall. And I think that brings us up pretty well up to date. Senator Hall's amendment would put a period in part of the...one section of the bill it would put all...take the tax away from all veterinary products, whether it be for pets or for food animals. And at this point I am not supporting that amendment. I think that Senator Hall is here, he can probably tell you about his amendment. If anybody had any questions, I'll be glad to respond.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Dierks. The pending matter is the Hall amendment, and I believe, Senator Hall, you had opened on your amendment, but would you again briefly inform the body as to what your amendment deals with.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. President, members. The amendment that's before us, as the Clerk stated and it shows on the board, is found on page 1859 of the Journal. And really all it does is on page 2, line 6, after the word "life" it inserts a period. Then it strikes the balance of the sentence, and that would run through the period on line 8. What it says in so many words is that for purposes of sales and use taxes they will not be imposed on the sale, lease or rental, storage use or other consumption in the state of feed, water, veterinary medicines and agricultural chemicals for consumption by and to be used on...or which are otherwise used in the caring for any form of animal life. So in other words it takes the exclusion out, the tail end of that sentence that talks about animals that are...ordinarily constitute food for human consumption or of a kind the pelts which ordinarily are used for human apparel. And the reason I do this is because it really, I think, brings us to the issue of whether or not we want to do this type of exemption. I stated that the last time we talked about it, and