

I continue to look on it as an issue for this measure. And I believe that this is an amendment that needs to be voted on because we're designating animals not because of where they are, or because of the species itself, but because of what they are ordinarily used for. If they're ordinarily used for consumption, for human consumption, then they qualify for the tax exempt status. If their pelts are ordinarily used for human apparel, then they qualify for the sales tax exemption. Those that do not, even though they might fit those qualifications someplace else, another country for example, they might fit the definition in a different state, for that matter, depending on the regional, I guess, appetite of that part of the country or the...any other issue that relates to the apparel of that region of the country, they qualify for a tax exempt break. And I don't think that makes any sense at all. If we've got animals that we deem, because of the feed, water, veterinary medicines, are eligible for a tax exempt status, then it ought to apply to all animals in this state. If we're going to make the policy decision that says these...certain animals ought to be exempt, then let's go ahead and exempt all of the animals. I mean what is the difference between...and I guess the question will be raised, if this bill passes, how do you handle ostriches? An ostrich is...and we had a luncheon the other day, a few weeks back, said they served ostrich and emu at that luncheon. Now is an ostrich and an emu now considered to be...ordinarily constitute food for human consumption, or does it fit within the...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: ...parameters of the fact that the pelts are ordinarily used for human apparel? Which one of those two parameters are we going to get into because what you're doing with the adoption of this measure, I think, is allowing for what something that Senator Coordsen and I were just talking about a rule and reg or an interpretation on the part of the department had nothing to do with this bill, it had to do with another issue. But you're talking about an interpretation that is a very broad definition of what fits the sales tax exemption. And it is going to be done on a case-by-case basis. The issue that I raise and the one that I can see coming up down the road is that there are number of these types of animals that currently reside in my district at the zoo. They are either normally for human consumption, or they're the kind of pelts which ordinarily are used for human apparel. So some of the animals at the zoo,