

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Before the next speaker, I'd like to call the Legislature's attention to two guests that Senator Schrock has here today. They're under the south balcony. They are Aleyda Tejeria from Panama, and Jeanene Schwartz from Kearney. Would you two...would you please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Thank you for being with us today. Senator Jones, on the IPP motion.

SENATOR JONES: Madam President and members of the body, I stand in support of LB 106 and against the IPP motion. I probably pay, out of my own ranch account, amount of about \$200 a year in state sales tax on the vet medicine that I buy. But this is not the only reason that I support it. Livestock producers right now are struggling in prices, because the prices are down considerably a couple years ago, and I know that they're going to go to other states and do everything they can to cut down their costs, because their costs out there is just tremendous to keep a critter the year round. I figure it probably costs about \$300 to run a cow the year round, the way it is right now. So she's got to return you something or you just can't stay in the business. So this is just one thing that I wanted to bring out. And I think that there's a lot of other things that isn't exempt in this bill, like I buy at the vets, and that's the tags and the vaccine guns and things like that that don't go into actually the medication that goes into them. So I think that we just want to get back on a level playing field with our neighbors and the other states to try to have the same opportunity that they do, because I know that a lot of people are going to cross the border right now. And so what I want to really do is right now we are paying in taxes on food production, so that's what I want to get off. I think that's really what's the issue here, that food that's a going production for our consumption. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Jones. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. I'm glad to see that Senator Hall is back. He spoke to his clothing, I think, and mentioned his belt. Now I don't know how many of those little "vinyls" it takes to make a belt like that, but I would bet, you know, some of these it takes quite a few. But it would be my understanding that if...if the belt was...was manufactured by a Nebraska manufacturer there would not be a sales tax on any of the inputs in the production of