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like PSE levels, pH levels, disease specifications, and other meat quality considerations that some packers require, in other words, broadening this definition somewhat in terms of carcass merit as differentiations are made on payment?

SENATOR DIERKS: Well, I think...I think that it is an all-inclusive term, but carcass merit must define all those things as well, I think. So, yes, it's part of the...part of the plan.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay. And would you also think that certainly genetic strains that work better for some retail cuts of meat would also be considered as carcass merit?

SENATOR DIERKS: Yes, that's true.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay. I kind of wanted to be sure we were...that we perhaps broaden this because there are many specifications that may even be coming in the future, particularly on carcass merit, and I wanted to be sure that was included. Going back to Senator Brashear's amendment, this is the one that probably causes me the biggest dilemma of all. It's my understand...I'm not an expert on Initiative 300, but it is my understanding, originally Initiative 300, per a...an AG's Opinion, did, I guess, somewhat broaden the definition of allowable packer feeding. In other words, it extends the time that they can own cattle to be fed probably beyond what we traditionally concern that time. While most of us might think a week or so prior to slaughter would be the normal time, as I understand the interpretation that was to include that back to when they were first placed on feed, which could be roughly 150 days, maybe up to 200 days, prior to slaughter. And that is a present interpretation, as I understand Initiative 300. Senator Dierks and/or Senator Brashear may want to comment on that in the future. I think, as I understand Senator Brashear's amendment, this would include that interpretation of Initiative 300 which, as I understood it, would include the interpretation that Attorney General Spire, as I recall, made back about 12 years ago or thereabouts. The issue is many of our farmer feeders and others are feeding cattle today with packers that now own those cattle as they go into the lot at probably 150 days prior to slaughter. Many are depending upon