

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Wesely, this whole bill is being offered, and maybe I misunderstood, because the federal government requires it?

SENATOR WESELY: Oh, no, I'm sorry. Let me clarify that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I probably just wasn't listening.

SENATOR WESELY: No, let me clarify that, Senator Chambers. The committee amendments have a couple provisions, one of them dealing with Senator Vickers' and Senator Beutler's comments on that were brought to us from the department that said the feds had to have this this year so it was...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay.

SENATOR WESELY: Otherwise the rest of the bill was not required. Seventeen states have it though, but it is not a requirement, no.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you.

SENATOR WESELY: I'm sorry if I misspoke.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, I'd simply had not heard correctly. My main objection to the bill is again the hidden tax. There are farmers in this Legislature but thus far none have been able to do on their farms what is being attempted here. So what I'd like to do is zero in and ask, is Senator Carson Rogers here? Is Senator Carson Rogers here? Yes. Here he comes. Senator Carson Rogers, I see here a paper handed out with your picture on it saying in all honesty, "a hog farmer". Senator Carson Rogers, now that you're here, are sows involved in your operation?

SENATOR ROGERS: They had better be or we wouldn't have any pigs.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now I'd like to ask you a question if I may follow up on that. How long have you been in this business?

SENATOR ROGERS: Can I ask you, what brought all this about and then I'll answer your question?