

SENATOR ROGERS: Yes, Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I'd like to give a brief overview of what the control bill would amount to. First of all, it would require the bureau to set up a control program establishing testing procedures for the movement of breeder and feeder swine and it would require the bureau to conduct a control program to establish quarantines and testing procedures for exposed animals and also to regulate the sale and use of PRV vaccine. It would create a cash fund making sure that any funds received for services are held and reused for the control fund. It spells out who would pay the cost of the testing, which is the producer. It makes it unlawful to move quarantined animals without permission from the department. The State Veterinary's Office would not do any testing on farms unless requested and then the producers would work with their own veterinarians. The producers who sell feeder pigs would be required to random sample a small portion of their sow herd and I'm sure there is a lot of my city colleagues probably aren't listening, but I'd like to explain this part of the bill. We feel real confident that there will be a vaccine, that's why we delayed the implementation of the bill, that there will be a vaccine available within a year that you would be able to vaccinate that particular animal and then test this animal and tell whether it was the vaccine that made the animal show up positive or if was actually the field virus. This has been something that we probably have received more comments because of this person that wants to sell feeder pigs, the vaccine that they use nowadays, if he was to vaccinate his sow herd, it would test up as a positive animal. I have also been assured by the department in 1987-88, if the subunit vaccine is not available by then, we would not put that in the procedures or regulations at that time. The Bureau of Animal...has assured us that producers will sit on this committee when they write the rules and regulations. They are writing the bills so that the producer in other words would not be forced out of business. So I want to stress that if the subunit vaccine is not available by then, it would not be put into the regulations at that time. We've had the backing of all the major farm organizations in the state and I think with that I would move for the advancement of the bill, Mr. Speaker.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Rod Johnson, please. On the bill as amended.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President and members, I rise to