

vaccinate your sows to protect yourself from that disease. Or if you did vaccinate your sows, you'd have to leave at least 20 percent of them unvaccinated. Now my argument is always...and the reason you have to leave 20 percent of them unvaccinated is because the testing procedures outlined in LB 775 could not distinguish between those animals that were vaccinated for the disease and those animals who were exposed to the disease. So you'd have to leave at least 20 percent of your animals unvaccinated so that you can test to whether or not you've got an exposure in that herd. Now, put yourself in a position of that producer. It seems to me that it would be very unfair to say to an individual who is struggling economically anyway that you can't protect your herd. To vaccinate 80 percent and leave the other 20 percent unvaccinated would simply be ridiculous in my opinion. You might as well not vaccinate any of them. But there is a vaccination being developed. I have been on the phone this morning and I know Senator Rogers has had contact with people, been on the phone this morning with FDA and with the National Animal Disease Control Center. My understanding is that we're very close to the development of not only a vaccine, but also the blood testing mechanisms to determine the difference between that vaccinated animal and that exposed animal and if, in fact, it is the intention of Senator Rogers and others who are promoting the Pseudorabies Control Act as I understand it to be, that that act will not go into effect until those procedures are available. Then I will feel comfortable in supporting the bill, but I want to make it very clear that if those procedures are not available, then I, as one individual member of this Legislature and as a pork producer myself, will certainly make my unhappiness known. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you, Senator Vickers. Senator Remmers.

SENATOR REMMERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise to support this bill. I have been, in the past, dragged my feet, been you might say an opponent. I have some real concerns about whether or not we could solve all the problems involved. I know that the commercial pork producers are very concerned about what will happen, but I believe I can support this bill at this time. I think we've made enough progress. I think that the fears of the commercial hog producers have been pretty well answered in the comments that Senator Rogers made in regard to the rules