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there should be a correction made in that bill. It was written as though it was for a biennium, it should be for a one year period. The \$20,000 appropriated for the Department of Animal Diseases of the University of Connecticut, and this primarily for mastitis control. Mr. Chairman, in the interests of the Committee's time, I'd like permission to submit a more detailed statement at a later time in covering this in more detail. I would rather not take the time this morning. The next bill we're in support of is S.B.632, which is a bill resulting from the Governor's Committee Report on Environmental Policy, maybe I missed up on this one, the number is S.B.632? O.K., I'm sorry. We'll leave this for a later time then. H.B.6836, which has to do with the amendment and the section 12-91 regarding exemption of farm machinery, livestock, and poultry. Just about the time the session (71 session) was beginning I had two members who called me, both farmer's wives, whose husbands had died during the previous, and their husbands had left the farms to them, but held in trust for them. For the wife and family were continuing to operate the farm as it has always been operated, but without the father being there. Due to the fact that it was being held in trust, it was the determination by the assessor in that town, that the farm no longer qualified for the exemption of livestock, poultry, and farm machinery. Of course this is during periods of time when Dad wasn't there, in which the farm operation would, of course, be operating with a little lower income than if his management were available, at a time in which they would be pressed greater with costs than probably at any other time. But try to continue their operation and then find the exemption of livestock, poultry, and farm machinery that the neighboring farms would come under and qualify for, they could no longer qualify. So the amendment here is to indicate or when held in trust for any farmer. The other bill which is H.B.6837, which provides for the registration and inspection of egg grading plants. At the current time many of our egg producers in the state slip their eggs directly into central egg grading plants, owned by those who purchase the eggs from them. They are loaded on trucks at the farm, shipped in to the central grading plant, and are graded out in the plant, and based on the grade-out the operator of the plant determines payment to the producers. I don't know of any other producer who operates in the fashion in which his total product is turned over to the purchaser to determine the proper grade. What this bill does is place the responsibility in the hands of the Commissioner of Agriculture to register the central egg-grading plants in Connecticut. And to provide for their inspection, to insure that the quality and quantity or the grade-out of those eggs are inspected by those plants, is assured to the degree where the producer can feel that he is getting a proper return on the shipment of his eggs. Just to speak briefly on a couple of other bills Mr. Chairman. We find nothing wrong with H.B.6703. We would give our support to H.B.6834, relative to prompt and full payment by dealers and milk products. And due to some of the problems that some of our farmers have on lease land, relative to deer problems. I think that H.B.6976 becomes a rather important measure. Mr. Chairman thank you very much for the opportunity.

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