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Hello Senator Ripley: I sat through the NWTF Advisory Council meeting yesterday and a couple of interesting things occurred first Director DeYong voiced his concerns with SB144 and said he felt it would be amended in the House Ag Committee to remove Ripley's amendment on the 12% and then it would pass. Also MDA increased the amount available for grants by $176,000 but at the same time heard and approved the three MDA Education grants ($76K) for program funding directly out of the grant funds to circumvent the no grants restrictions in SB144. It just keeps getting worse DeYong also talked about LC2027 and the funding it may provide for the education and forage program and stated that if this funding came to be that it would free up the program funding to be used by Greg Ames for what he felt appropriate not put back into the grants program. Thanks John Moodry