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and more especially livestock and meat products and the end result would be a rollback of approximately \$9 per hundred. That would be \$90 on a 1,000 pound critter and \$108 on a 1200 pound critter; possibly an average of \$100 a critter. This would be extremely disastrous to this State in everything. I do appreciate the comments that I have heard of recent on the floor by the urban Senators having concern of the problem of agriculture and the problem of the meat prices, the problem of the winter, the problem of the storms and I take this opportunity to visit with you and tell you that I am going back as a member of the Legislature, as a representative of the State of Nebraska and of the Governor. The Governor has submitted the letter to me to carry with me, recognizing me as a State Senator and recognizing that I be an emissary wherever it may be of any advantage, for the defeat of this rollback of these prices. They do include other things other than meat. One of the serious things in the livestock industry is the stopping of the export of hides which would account for about \$2 or \$2.50 per hundred on the price of livestock. Today the pri--current price of livestock, extreme top in the Omaha market is \$45. Under that condition it would be \$39 and most cattle never bring the supreme but extreme top, I should say extreme so we're talking about a \$37.50 or \$38 livestock price. Then add to that the problem of the exports of hides. That would then drop the cattle about to \$35 or \$36 which would be \$9 drop on the price of this livestock as I've indicated. I do not know if I can be successful with the others. There are others who have already left. This is a spontaneous drive. It is coming up very rapidly. Cattle feeders from not only the five or six central states here but as far away as Texas, Arizona and California will converge on the, on the House, on Congress to attempt the defeat of the Patman Amendment to a bill which gives the President the authority to extend Phase 1, 2 and 3. I think it's extremely important that Nebraska be represented and I would ask now at this time that I be excused until I return from Washington later this week.

PRESIDENT: Are there objections to Senator Burbach's absence? Hearing none, so ordered. Very good. Chair recognizes Senator Chambers, then--Chair would inquire, Senator Chambers, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Burbach a question, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Go ahead.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Burbach, would you yield to a question?

SENATOR BURBACH: Surely.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What is a critter?

SENATOR BURBACH: Critter? It's a species of the bovine family. It is usually referred to in some circles as a steer and I presume sometimes as a heifer. It is a species of the bovine family.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Kremer. For what purpose do you rise, Senator? Go ahead, sir.

SENATOR KREMER: Point of personal privilege.

PRESIDENT: State your point, Senator.