

the economy of the State of Nebraska would join forces here. I'd also like to say that not only will the cattle feeders suffer serious loss, I'm sure that my good friend, Senator Murphy would agree with me that the Bankers are going to take a little bit of a licking on this and the cattle feeder may take a few bankers down the drain with him if he goes. I'd also like to point out that only yesterday Mr. Pat Gorman, who represents the Meat Cutters Union, was deploring Secretary Butts' attitude in regard to the attitude on beef and so because and rightfully so, because he had 22,000 meat cutters out of work. You can see that this thing has a very definite anti social effect because when the meat cutters begin to complain, and criticize the Secretary of Agriculture because their people are being thrown out of work when it was George Meany who first instigated the idea that prices of meat were too high, I think you really have to stretch a point and I say that in all charity because I think that on the floor of this body I've been known as one farmer who is a friend of labor but I say it in all honesty and I therefore wish Senator Burbach the very best of luck and I think we should give him all the support we can.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Rasmussen. For what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Point of special privilege.

PRESIDENT: Go ahead.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Mr. Speaker and Members of the body. I also would rise to, to wish Senator Burbach the best of luck on this trip. Not only for myself but the people from my district who would be severely damaged by this amendment and especially from the people from the St. Paul area that had their big day Saturday where they fed over 3600 people free beef and pork. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I'd like to ask Senator Kremer a couple of questions.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kremer, will you yield to a question?

SENATOR CARPENTER: What is the present price on cattle? Prime cattle?

SENATOR KREMER: The average choice steer that's selling either directly from the feedlot or through the Omaha market today is bringing about .46¢.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Now what is the Patman Amendment propose to throw it back to?

SENATOR KREMER: I understand it, January 3rd.

SENATOR CARPENTER: What is that?

SENATOR BURBACH: (mike off) --I have not been able to find out from the USDA in Omaha and I plan on calling them before I leave this morning, but those cattle feeders who have set up this meeting and this program, who have been working since last Wednesday in Iowa and Nebraska, they indicate that that price then would be rolled back to .39 for the extreme top; 46, I think is the extreme top today so I believe we roll--talk about rolling it back to 39 which would make about 37 or 38.50 for the most fat cattle going to market. Then, plus the export of the hides which would lower the price another 2 to \$2.50, then would