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SENATOR CARPENTER: To some extent true, but you are nowing paying about 50¢ a case. Right? In Omaha.

SENATOR STAHLER: 50¢ a case for what?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Huh?

SENATOR STAHLER: Oh, for delivery.

SENATOR CARPENTER: In Omaha no. You are paying 50¢ a case now.

SENATOR STAHLER: That could be.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well it is, well approximately that. All right, about as I recall, I don't want to be held to the figure, about 2/3's of all this stuff is sold within a radius of 150-200 miles of Omaha. Now with the volume there and the percentage of a mark up, it wouldn't have to be to the point that Senator Kelly indicated, the difference between \$5.00 for example, and 50¢. My guess would be and it is only a guess, it couldn't necessarily raise more than to deliver the price of 75¢ a case, it you deliver it everywhere in the State alike. That is just my guess.

SENATOR STAHLER: Then that in affect will be that the people who now have the least delivery charges will pick up the cost for those who have the most delivery charges, is that correct?

SENATOR CARPENTER: I think that is true. A lot of things let's take sugar for example. Sugar today, you always have paid, you pay the freight from New York to Scottsbluff, even though it is made in to Scottsbluff, that is the only way they can make any money. That is true of a lot of things and take cement. Yea, gasoline used to be, you shorted 9¢ a gallon from Casper, or the freight rate down in Oklahoma. It is just the old, it is all you can extract from the public. That is what is amounts to. We all have a sell finish. If will, maybe put the people in Omaha, the licensee at a small disadvantage more than they now have.

SENATOR STAHLER: Well I won't drink to that.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, I'll buy you a drink if you want to drink it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Yes, I'd like to ask Senator Carpenter a question Right now, I understand I was down and I bought grapefruit and it cost me just as much, out side of the orchard as it did in Omaha. I paid the freight on them whether they got there or not, but Senator Carpenter, this will mean now in Scottsbluff, what, how will this affect if Scottsbluff should buy from say, Denver. Will they be able to bring it in from Denver cheaper than you can get it traporter out from Omaha to Scotssbluff?

SENATOR CARPENTER: You probably could, except there is no one outside of the State of Nebraska that will license in this business.

SENATOR KEYES: Can the whole salers sell into Scottsbluff?

SENATOR CARPENTER: You mean in Denver?

SENATOR KEYES: The wholesaler in Denver. Could he sell--

SENATOR CARPENTER: There is no way in which a whole saler in Denver can sell direct to a licensee in the State of Nebraska in the retail--

SENATOR STAHLER: It all has to go through in the Nebraska wholesaler?