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full well why he did it. Now, personally, I have no particular interest in the bill at all except I think it was a good bill. I did it basically because the committee understood what I was attempting to do. They had no objection to it. I did it mainly because the people in the agriculture field and particularly those who are in the field are being taken down the financial drain in the area of livestock. If you feel these people have other methods by which they can protect themselves and no one has yet made any particular indication what they are because there are actually none. Now it seems to me the honest thing to do is for Senator Proud to withdraw his motion and make a motion to indefinitely postpone the bill. That's what you're trying to do inch by inch, not only him but others because he can't do it by himself. Now, if you don't want the bill, why don't you kill it? If you're afraid of the bill, why don't you kill it? Now, the only bill says or the only thing the bill says if you were in concert in order to create a conspiracy, a conspiracy, that's what you have to prove that two or more people combined, for example, that defeat the purpose of the people of this state, then you don't want this bill. And it has to be proven by court action, not by the individual. The individual can take it to court if he wants to and probably will. He can upon his own effort if he wants to and probably won't. Or this Body by its direction can do the same thing, direct the Attorney General to do, probably which it won't. So the only redress and the only protection that people have of this state is in this bill as it now is. As I say, I have no objection if you want to kill it if that's what you want to do. But I'll say one thing that those.....

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who vote to do it, they'll be long remembered and attention will be called to the people throughout this state that the railroad and the banks and other people dominate these Body in the area of the things they want or don't want, they prevail. I've said this time and time again and I say it again, there are some committees in this Legislature which are stacked. Which you cannot get a bill out of those committees unless those people agree to bring it out here. Now, that's rather a sad commentary about people who come down here, so they say, to represent people. Many people come down here to represent interest, special interests. That's the name of the game. You know, for example, that you're reasonably safe in doing that because the people of this state don't have the remotest idea of what we do. Why we do it or if we do it. We all have to realize that if we don't represent people collectively, they'll never be represented because they don't know what's going on here because we are the only ones who know. Now, if you want to take advantage of that situation, if you can live with yourself, that's fine. I don't see how some of us can.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? Senator Schmit, did you want to be heard on the issue?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, Mr. President, and members of the Legislature. I would but I would prefer to wait, there'll surely be some discussion on this. If not, I will go ahead and speak.