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That you are closing debate. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed vote no. This is the motion to close debate on the Stahmer amendment to the Simpson amendment. The question now is, shall debate close on the issue. Thank you. Clerk will record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, to close debate.

PRESIDENT: Debate will now close on the motion. Senator Stahmer is closing on his motion which is an amendment to Senator Simpson's amendment.

SENATOR STAHMER: Well, Mr. President and members of the body. This is not meant to be a joke. We have I'm told by all the experts, we've got a crises in our food industry in our meat industry in Nebraska. I think the agricultural backbone of the state provides a great deal of the taxes, and I think this one place the agriculture of the state can benefit, and I think it is a crisis right now, and this is one way to help that crisis. This is not meant to be facetious.

PRESIDENT: The question is, do you want to adopt the Stahmer amendment to the Simpson amendment, if you do vote aye, if not vote no. 25 votes are required today. This is the Stahmer amendment which would provide a million dollars. It's a million dollar amendment to Senator Simpson's amendment. Once again the Chair would ask if you have all voted? All right, the Clerk will record.

CLERK: 14 ayes, 18 nays.

PRESIDENT: All right, the amendment is defeated. We are back to Senator Simpson's amendment. Now Senator Moylan do you want to discuss the Simpson amendment.

SENATOR MOYLAND: As the saying goes, we didn't offer you a rose garden.

PRESIDENT: Hold down, the confusion, please. Senator Moylan has the floor.

SENATOR MOYLAN: Mr. President, we didn't offer you a rose garden in the first place of course and you are not getting it. But I would ask Senator Simpson a question, if he would yield.

PRESIDENT: Senator Simpson yield, to a question.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Yes.

SENATOR MOYLAN: Are any of these meals on wheels and the like charged...I mean to they have to pay for them at all.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Senator Moylan, this is one thing I wanted to get up and say when they closed the debate, was that this goes on the ability to pay. Now people that can afford to pay would pay the whole cose of the meals. Those that can afford to pay a portion can pay that portion and those that can't would receive them free.

SENATOR MOYLAN: That's what I wondered, and what's the qualifications for the receiving those meals. Do you have any in particular?