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SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I'd like to address a question to Senator Bromm, if I could. Senator, I'm looking at...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Bromm.

SENATOR RAIKES: ...Section 1, item 5 of the bill, which says, begins with "packer means a person or agent of such person," and so on, "engaged in slaughtering of livestock." And then on item 6 it says, "person includes individuals, firms, associations, limited liability companies, and corporations and employees, officers or company members thereof." Down in Section 4 then it says, "after the effective date of this act, it is unlawful for a packer to be engaged in the ownership, keeping or feeding of livestock." Would this mean that if I worked as an employee of a packing company that I would be unable to feed cattle?

SENATOR BROMM: Senator Raikes, I think that would be the literal interpretation of that language. And I have been looking at that as well and trying to figure out if anything needed to be done there. That's the way I would interpret it, but...

SENATOR RAIKES: So, for example, if I was not necessarily a high level official of a packing company, but maybe I was a production worker who worked 40 hours a week in a packing plant and then also had a farming operation in which I fed cattle, I could be in violation of this...of this statute?

SENATOR BROMM: I think that's possible.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay, thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Dierks, I don't know if you've had a chance to follow along with this. Well, first off, tell me if you...if you heard that question?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Yes. Yes, I did hear the question.