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little bit concerned about the wording in this bill. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Merz and then Senator DeCamp and then Senator Keyes and then Senator Wagner and Senator Fitzgerald. We are speaking to the Schmit amendments to the bill. Senator Merz.

SENATOR MERZ: Mr. President, members of the body, it was stated that the federal government turned this down but this was not turned down at the federal level. Also I would like to ask Simon a couple of questions or reply to his statement, he said about getting better foreign meats than the local meat. Senator Simon.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Simon, do you yield?

SENATOR SIMON: Yes.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay.

SENATOR MERZ: Do you feel that you can get better foreign meats to make into sausage than you do local?

SENATOR SIMON: Senator Merz, if you take, and again I am not an expert on what goes into sausage but, you know, beef lips, some of these less desirable pork products, if you compare those with say like beef roasts from Argentina, yes, I will take the beef roast in my sausage any day.

SENATOR MERZ: Even if you don't know that, do you realize a lot of that foreign meat don't have any inspectors?

SENATOR SIMON: That is not true, Senator Merz. It couldn't come into this country if it wasn't inspected.

SENATOR MERZ: If you will look at the records, a foreign inspection is very minute. There is very, very little of it going on. I think they have one inspector to our hundred, am I not right?

SENATOR SIMON: All I can tell you, Senator Merz, is the USDA would not allow this meat to come into the country if it had not been inspected at some point along the line. I can't say (interruption).

SENATOR MERZ: Some form or another.

SENATOR SIMON: At some point along the line it has to be