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is the foreign meats is all we are doing.

SENATOR GEORGE: As I just told you, if you do not like the quality of inspection of our USDA meat inspectors sitting in those foreign countries, then do put up the bill which gives you more stringent inspection for Nebraska.

SENATOR MERZ: All I am doing is giving the people the option to buy what they want to. If you buy any foreign clothes or any foreign machinery or anything, it has all got a stamp on it, so why shouldn't this be.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Excuse me, I am sorry but we can't have a debate back and forth. Senator Merz, you have thirty seconds.

SENATOR MERZ: I am addressing the subject. To me this is the only point that I am concerned about, giving the people the right and the privilege to have what they want. Michigan has had it for two years and it has caused no trouble and they are still using it. It has never been disallowed or unconstitutional in Michigan so I don't see why we ain't as good as Michigan and it ain't going to cost us much to try it. As you know there is no fiscal impact and I would like to see it tried here. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator DeCamp, then Senator Keyes, then Senator Wagner, then Senator Fitzgerald. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Not to belabor the point, I mentioned this had been upheld as constitutional by a major court, I think it was the Supreme Court of Michigan, when it was written. It was later by federal courts, as I recall, thrown out. Now that was after we adopted...I mean after we drew it up and after it is here. So I think we ought to resolve this question whether we are even going ahead with it. It is kind of like throwing water in the wind, so to speak, and we may be wasting a couple of hours if we can't do it anyway. So maybe we could delay it and Nelson could get that checked out and make a decision as to whether he wants to pursue it that way. I think the federal court has already thrown this particular version out, well, whatever, okay.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Are you through, Senator DeCamp? Senator DeCamp, are you through?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Maybe we could adopt the amendment and move the bill to Select File and let it sit there until we resolve things.