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amendments become the bill and there is considerable change as far as I am concerned as much as I have read about it. How much of an effort was made during the summer months to get input from small processors throughout the State of Nebraska?

SENATOR MERZ: We contacted probably three or four or five and we never had an objection from any of them.

SENATOR WAGNER: From the amended section?

SENATOR MERZ: No. What the whole problem is that people don't understand. All we are doing is telling you that you are getting foreign meat or local meat. I mean all they do is put up a sign that this is foreign or this is not. That is all it does. We don't stop nobody from importing nothing. It is no restriction.

SENATOR WAGNER: But there is sections in there that talk about how to make sausage and so forth like this.

SENATOR MERZ: All that does is identify a meat product.

SENATOR WAGNER: Yes, but my point is, was there input from the small processors to make them aware of the way this bill is written?

SENATOR MERZ: It has been around all summer. They should know.

SENATOR WAGNER: It still don't really...how much of an effort was...did you send this amended section out to (interruption).

SENATOR MERZ: I will tell you, if you will move it up, I will get this in writing from a half a dozen or a dozen, whatever you want, the small manufacturers and we will put it on there and send out the information to everybody.

SENATOR WAGNER: I think it ought to be because I have some small processors in my area that I am sure might be concerned about it. I don't mean to harass the bill or anything like that. Just so they are aware of what is in this bill.

SENATOR MERZ: It is not going to hurt them no way I will assure you.

SENATOR WAGNER: Okay, thank you.