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SENATOR CLARK: Senator Sieck, do you want to talk on the bill?

SENATOR SIECK: I was going to talk what I told Senator Hefner, yes. To assure our people that we do need some protection and who are we protecting? We are protecting that farmer that has the grain in that warehouse and we want to have a double check and that is the purpose of having a financial statement given to the Public Service Commission so they will have a tool to check with their record to see what that particular grain elevator or warehouseman is doing with his elevator and it is just another checking. That is about all it amounts to but it does give us another tool. I feel that we need this. We need to stop our grain elevators from going under and to me this is a very important amendment, and I heartily endorse that we advance this amendment and vote for it.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, I rise to support the Kahle-Sieck amendment. I would like to point out to the body that I don't think it is too much to ask for an individual or a company that is dealing with the large amounts of dollars that grain buyers deal with and the affect that it has on the farmers that might have warehoused grain in those facilities to ask for a third party to oversee the financial statement when it is sent in for the license requirement required by the Public Service Commission. I would, however, like to ask one question of Senator Sieck, if he would yield, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator Sieck.

SENATOR SIECK: Yes, Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Senator Sieck, did I understand you correctly to indicate when you were answering Senator Hefner that this audit would only be required every three years or is that going to be required each year when they apply for their license?

SENATOR SIECK: The corporate bond as I understand is required to have an audit every three years because that is their time limit. The bond runs this long. But you are going to have to pay their fee for the corporate bond every year. But the actual audit will run for a three year period. This was the information I received from a CPA.

SENATOR VICKERS: As I read the amendment where it is inserted in