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SENATOR RUMERY: I didn't notice you mention the Stockgrowers and the Cattlefeeders...or the Cattlefeeders and Breeders Association, and the other cattlefeeders, are any of them supporting it at all?

SENATOR BURROWS: The only farm group which testified at the hearing in opposition was the Livestock Feeders. The other organizations which have historically opposed the bill, some of them, I think have decided and they evidently decided not to come in and oppose it at the hearing this year because there has been a great deal of interest out in the Sandhills area, this year specifically, in stopping some of this large scale irrigation development, specifically center-pivot development on large scale. And I think some of the membership well realize that stopping large scale development by outside investment will probably be the most practical approach by going at it through the corporate ownership system.

SENATOR RUMERY: Did I understand you to say that you had consulted the Attorney General on this?

SENATOR BURROWS: I did not consult the Attorney General. There was an opinion written which questions the constitutionality of this bill by the Nebraska Attorney General's office. However, we consulted with Iowa, Missouri and Oklahoma Attorney Generals' offices and they have the same or very nearly identical language in their Constitution as was referred to by the Nebraska Attorney General's office. These Attorney Generals feel that they can strongly defend it. They proceeded, and in Iowa when Jimmy Dean came in, they have so far prevented the outside investment by large corporations coming into their state, and they feel they can strongly defend it under the Constitutions as exist and could here.

SENATOR RUMERY: Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Vickers, do you wish to speak to the motion?

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. Chairman and members, I would like to ask Senator Burrows a question if he would respond, please.

SENATOR BURROWS: Certainly.

SENATOR VICKERS: Senator Burrows, on your amendment, number one, could you explain again why you are striking the language, "incorporated under the laws of the State