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thought that was almost a Constitutional right until such time as you are infringing upon somebody else's rights, I believe we are treading on thin ice. Therefore, I would oppose any amendment that may be offered to try to make LB 184 look like it might be fair to someone doing business whether domestic or foreign. Now when it gets to foreign, you are talking about petro dollars, you are talking about other kinds of dollars outside the continental limits of the United States, that is another subject, and that's been on the books in this state since 1903, and it's been reported. But because a few people have exercised the right to free enterprise, willing buyer, willing seller, I think it is rather a folly on our part when you try to define it, what is a willing seller and where is the willing buyer, and we are going to put some restrictions which I think are artificial, unfair and go against everything we believed in for years. I oppose these amendments and I oppose.....(microphone not on).

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Sieck, do you wish to speak to the Burrows amendment?

SENATOR SIECK: Yes. Mr. President and members of the body, I heartily endorse this amendment. It will make it a better bill and we need to do this. As far as Senator Koch opposing it, he has that right, and I feel that we have to start taking a look at what is happening in the State of Nebraska. And we have some large corporates that are kind of abusing our land. And what other way can we stop it? And we need to do this. I am highly for private enterprise. It is very difficult for me to even speak on this bill, but I feel this is our only chance to protect some of the wrongdoing that is happening in the State of Nebraska, and we have got to protect it. We have got to protect the resources, our farmers. And I also want you to know that the large food markets which we have seen, I think our food cost is considerable higher than it was when we had that little market across the street as we've known in the past. They said the food would come down. Well, I can assure you if we get these large corporates and the whole farm picture gets into a corporate farm enterprise, we are going to see food costs go to where we don't know no end. The private and the small farmer, the medium sized farmer, the farmer that owns his own property, the farmer that is operating in the right perspective, is causing us to have food cheap today. If we get into a corporate farm enterprise, we are going to see the food costs go up because they are going to need to hire people. They are