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SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, the only thing I can say is, by golly and whoop-de-do. When you put your money in a bank, the state and the federal government audits that bank two or three times a year to make sure that your money is there and that it is okay. Now it is fine for you Senators who do not put grain in an elevator, it is fine for you to stand up here and say we don't need an audit of the grain because you don't have it in an elevator, but I will tell you right now, I do and that is money. When I put my grain in an elevator, it is the same thing as you Senators putting your money in a bank. I want to be sure that that grain is there. Now if it is going to cost from \$750 to \$1500 as this letter says, sobeit. This body saw nothing wrong with raising the tax on the wheat farmers to three-quarters of a cent. They said that is fine. This body saw nothing wrong with putting a tax on the grain sorghum farmers. They said that is fine. This body saw nothing wrong with putting a tax on the corn farmers. They said this is fine. Well, I will tell you this. It is fine with me if it is going to cost that elevator \$750 to have an audit because I want to know if my wheat is there, if my money is there, and you would feel the same way if you had grain in an elevator. Now I am not talking about ten or fifteen hundred bushel. To some farmers that is ten, fifteen, twenty, thirty, forty thousand bushels of wheat, not me but to some farmers, and corn and grain sorghum. So if they can't afford the \$750 to a \$1000 audit, maybe they hadn't better be in business. What about their insurance? Their insurance costs them more than that. Maybe they shouldn't have to have any insurance either. I just can't understand why you would not be in favor of a bill like this. So I ask you to oppose returning 529 and let's leave it, and those elevators that can't afford \$750 to \$1500, they possibly shouldn't be in business but I personally would like to see it and I would like to know if my grain is there. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to call the question.

PRESIDENT: The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? I do. The question is shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. The question is shall debate cease? Have you all voted. Record the vote.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 6 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Motion carried. Debate ceases. Senator Chronister, you may close on your motion to return.