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land primarily because it is an advantage to them in terms of corporates' taxing. I am going to renew my statement one more time. Where are we going to draw the line? Where are we going to draw that line? I look out at the community in which I was raised, I look at the longevity of life there and I look at those still farming who one time farmed eighty acres or a quarter now are farming sections and they will do it very easily simply because of technology. Then I look down the road another twenty-five years and I see their sons leaving and going to college and probably not going to pursue agriculture, then who is going to be there to farm it?

PRESIDENT: A half a minute, Senator.

SENATOR KOCH: One of the reasons I voted for Senator Schmit's bill, and Senator Kahle called it a split personality, I voted for that to encourage young farmers to get back on the land and be able to endeavor in that business and to compete. That is the reason I supported it but I am not going to support Senator Burrows in trying to draw a line on who can and who cannot get into the market to buy land because I don't know how finely we can draw that line. I don't know who we are going to prevent from buying it. We don't do that in other markets.

PRESIDENT: Time, Senator.

SENATOR KOCH: I have one last statement since I gave Senator Kahle some of my time, and that is who are we next going to take on? Who is it going to be? And if we really believe these people are getting monopolistic, then that is an antitrust suit and that is where it should be resolved. I oppose the advancement of LB 184.

PRESIDENT: All right, the Chair recognizes Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President and members of the legislative body, I am opposed to LB 184 for several reasons. I do not want the state telling me to whom I may sell the land I may own. I do not want others to come into our state and say, we want you to buy in our stores, we want you to buy our cars, we want you to buy but not our farm land. No, that is a "no-no". On the other hand we do not want that foreign person's home country saying we may not make investments there. We complain when we are restricted. I do not want unfair competition put into the buying and selling of farm land in this state. Not only do you run the chance of reducing the cost, and perhaps that is what is meant, perhaps the land artificially should be reduced in the introducer's