

the major backers of the program, the Nebraska Livestock Feeders Association and the Nebraska Stockgrowers have asked for this level of funding, then I would have to oppose the amendment. As I said earlier and I have told the members of those associations, other persons have contacted me that if the funds are not used wisely I am sure this body will reconsider what has happened and take measures accordingly. But I think it is important that if we are going to adopt the bill that we give them a level of funding that is commensurate with the responsibility which they have and that responsibility is substantial. The livestock industry has been through very many ups and downs in the past number of years and someone says only the fittest can survive but we have seen a loss and erosion from the beef industry market in the last few years that is serious, and very frankly, those of us who produce both commodities and livestock recognize that the principal market for feed grains is livestock and without developing a market for the beef that we produce we are not going to have a market for the feed grains. Without producing a high value product we are not going to turn this Nebraska economy around. We are not going to turn the national economy around and very frankly, that is what we are trying to do. I would hope that at this time, although I share Senator Burrows concern, I respect his concern, and as I have said earlier the amendment does not come as a surprise to me and Senator Burrows was good enough to come to me and tell me he was going to offer it, I would have to ask you to reject Senator Burrows amendment.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President, I move the previous question.

PRESIDENT: All right, 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. Let's vote on either you want it to cease or you don't. Let's make up our minds. We are voting on ceasing debate. Would you vote, please. Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 1 nay to cease debate, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The motion carries. Debate ceases. Senator Burrows, you may close on your motion.

SENATOR BURROWS: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I hope everyone will listen exactly to what I am attempting to do.