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SENATOR CLARK: I would like to announce that lunch is now being served with the courtesy of Senator Johnson and Senator Wagner. The girls are putting the popcorn out on your desks. They want you to enjoy the finest popcorn in Nebraska. Senator Dworak, on the bill.

SENATOR DWORAK: Mr. President and colleagues, we spent approximately an hour and a half, two hours, debating this issue yesterday. It has turned into sort of an auction. They started out asking for the whole \$500,000. Then they compromised it down to asking for only \$400,000. An amendment was offered giving them \$100,000. Now they are at \$350,000. It is a sensitive area. It is an area that is entwined with a court case in reference to Beatrice. I don't think anyone has the answer as to the eventual disposition of that case. But we are getting down to the fifth day. It is four o'clock. There is a lot of heavy stuff left. It just seems we just can't continue to bring things out again and again and again and again. In all fairness to the people that have other bills, in all fairness to the people that have other amendments, it just seems that greed is taking over when we keep asking many, many times for one more chance and one more chance. We went over this carefully. This disrupts the parity between the regions as we discussed before. This was unequal and has been unequal for the last six, seven, eight years, terribly so. We are just getting the thing in sync. We are getting a balance that everybody can live and now we are starting to shift that into inequality again. So I urge you to not support this as you showed the good sense not to do yesterday.

SENATOR CLARK: Senator DeCamp. The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? The question before the House is to cease debate. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay.

CLERK: Senator Clark voting yes.

SENATOR CLARK: Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 3 nays, Mr. President.

SENATOR CLARK: Debate is ceased. Senator Hoagland, do you wish to close?

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Let me make some brief remarks in closing, if I might, Mr. President. Now I think a number of us are quite familiar with this issue because we have discussed it on the floor before, but let me take you through the regions, region by region, and how they are affected by this particular amendment. Now first of all, Region 1 that has parts