

May 10, 1989

LR 157, 167

All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 24 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of LR 157.

PRESIDENT: The resolution is adopted. LR 157, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 167 introduced by Senators Hefner, Rogers and Johnson. (Read brief description of LR 167.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Hefner, please.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, this resolution is on page 2197. This resolution was drafted and being introduced to address the problems that we're having in the pork industry today. There's a lot of butcher hogs and finished pork products coming into the United States and Nebraska from Canada, therefore depressing the pork prices here in our state. The Canadian government provides production incentives to their pork producers which certainly helps to encourage overproduction in Canada. The overflow comes into the United States. This is depressing the hog prices in Nebraska, causing our pork producers to lose money. At the present time, there is a duty on hogs imported from Canada and that's a permanent duty. And now there is a temporary duty on imported pork products from Canada and this was just instigated recently. This is an attempt by our government to offset the incentives by the Canadian government. This resolution urges our government to establish a permanent duty on pork products imported from Canada. This move would put the hog raisers in Nebraska and the United States, I feel, on a level playing field with Canadian producers. This is the way it should be. The Canadian government pays its producers a subsidy of \$19.50 per hog in the third quarter of 1988 and \$31 per hog in the fourth quarter of '88, and I don't know what it is for the first quarter of '89. Those figures aren't in yet. The House Agriculture Committee Subcommittee on livestock, dairy and poultry will be holding a public field hearing on imports of Canadian hogs and pork products May 19th at Sioux City, Iowa. This resolution will be presented at this hearing to the subcommittee. Mr. President, I move for the adoption of LR 167.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Rogers, please. Senator Rogers.

SENATOR ROGERS: Thank you, Mr. President. I just echo what