

destroy the thing that's made this nation...this state great. We have got a situation where I think the thing is more fragile than it was in '85 in agriculture, quite possibly in some areas it's more fragile than it was in the thirties. The difference in the thirties was everybody was poor, everybody was going broke. Right now we're trying to break the young ones and a few of the old ones, myself included, Senator Schmit is having problems. If you haven't talked with him about it, why go visit with him. You know where...where do...you know if this was the savings and loan industry, or this was a health industry of some kind we'd be out there trying to do everything we could to help them. United States did this to the City of New York, they did it to all the savings and loan industries across the nation, now they're trying to fix our health problem. But yet you'd take the most important industry you have and kick it in the teeth. It's just amazing to me that this can happen. I just can't imagine the people who sit here and know what you should know about what industry...what agriculture has done to our communities would allow this to happen. If you say that Omaha is not agricultural industry based, think again, folks. Omaha wouldn't be much bigger than Norfolk without agriculture in this state, you can believe that...you can take that to the bank. I would certainly hope that you could at least see the validity in supporting this piece of legislation, this amendment that Senator Schmit has, because it does provide us with a little bit of impetus for that young...

PRESIDENT MOUL: One minute.

SENATOR DIERKS: ...buyer, the man who's buying these cows, and those are the young people, again, give him a little bit of a break over what you've been trying to do to him. And I would certainly hope that you'd support this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Elmer.

SENATOR ELMER: Thank you, Madam President. We're talking about this livestock, and we touched on it a little earlier today about what constitutes this breeding livestock that's going to be put on the tax rolls. And it's any kind of an animal that you make some money on and it's part of your livelihood. A herd of dairy cattle, are we going to require that...are we going to close down the dairy industry in the state, too? The chickens that are used to breed and lay eggs for the hatcheries, they'll go out of the state. How far is this going to go? The