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disrupt the price-fixing, market-controlling practices of these corporations and bring market fairness back into our most prized industry. Thank you.

**SENATOR WICKERSHAM:** Senator Schrock, you're recognized to speak to the committee amendments.

**SENATOR SCHROCK:** Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I rise in support of LB 835. It's unfortunate we have come to this point, when it comes to livestock marketing in this state. But federal law has not helped us. Even though we have a Packers and Stockyards Act, there has been no action on that. Hopefully, this bill will spur some activity on the federal level. If you have cattle for sale in this state, you may have a one hour window per week when you would like to sell them. That's about the only time you may be offered a price. At that time it's either take it, or you wait another week, and maybe your livestock gets too heavy, and your window of opportunity is closed. Unlike grain marketing, and grain marketing prices may not be any better, you can sell grain six days a week, probably 24-hours a day. But if you're going to sell cattle, you better be there that hour, or you may miss it. If Senator Dierks would respond to a question, I would like to have a couple items read into the record.

**SENATOR WICKERSHAM:** Senator Dierks, will you respond?

**SENATOR DIERKS:** Yes.

**SENATOR SCHROCK:** Senator Dierks, it's certainly my hope, and I think it's your hope that some federal laws will be enacted that may mirror what we're doing here today. I do have a concern that, if federal law is enacted, that we may have a dual price reporting system. I don't believe that's the intention of the Legislature or this committee. And, of course, federal law would supersede state law. So it would be your intention that if federal laws are enacted that would be along the lines of LB 835, on price reporting, that portion of the bill would then become...would become inoperable, and we would follow the federal level? Would that be your intention?

**SENATOR DIERKS:** My intention would be that, if the federal