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people pass legislation that mirror our legislation, that we would be able to accept their legislation to do the job that we have done.

SENATOR SCHROCK: And, of course, the portion of the bill that would refer to packers feeding livestock, I would not anticipate the federal legislation to adopt that type of a regulation. So we'll want that portion of the bill to stay inactive. Would that be correct?

SENATOR DIERKS: Well, that's true. Of course, what that does is just reenforces Initiative 300. We already have that legislation in place in our constitution. And my hope is that the federal government will also adopt that same type legislation.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Would this bill create stiffer penalties for those people violating that provision of 835 and Initiative 300?

SENATOR DIERKS: I didn't hear that, Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Would this bill require stiffer penalties for those people violating Initiative 300 or portions of this bill?

SENATOR DIERKS: No, this bill doesn't have anything to do with the initiative. The fines are already in place for Initiative 300, in the constitution. This would...this would.... The fines here are for the price reporting and contracts.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Okay, thank you, Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: You bet.

SENATOR SCHROCK: That report is my...that concludes my opinion on this bill. Certainly I hope the full Legislature will support the legislation. And I think it would bring about more open bidding on livestock in this state, and that's certainly what one of the provisions of this bill is all about.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Senator Connealy, you're recognized to speak to the committee amendments, followed by Senator Chambers,