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very good piece of legislation. I do not believe Congress is going to do anything of substance, unless they see that states are going to undertake to do that which Congress ought to do. We know that there will be some levels of activity that will require federal law. But they need a nudge, then a goad. And I think at this point Nebraska can assume a position of leadership.

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

SENATOR JONES: Mr. President, members of the body, I want to strongly this bill, because I supported them in the committee, and I supported all four of them in there, and one of them didn't come out, but I can kind of understand what they're thinking about there is labeling of origin. But I still think it would be good to come out of the committee with a resolution that they might send to Washington, too, but...on that one because I realize that we do have to make a border around the United States, not just around Nebraska, on something like that. But I'm standing in support of the committee amendments today. I guess I want to make a comment, couple comments on my own operation. I got a calf to finish operation, and then I only feed (sic) once a year. I've got one market a year, and if they're not buying that week, I'm taking second fiddle, because a lot of times, you know, they got their own cattle out there and they know what they want that week, and if they got enough of them, why you just sit back and wait until the next week, and then the prices is off. And really, I've only got two markets for my cattle, and that's Monfort and IBP. Excel is too far away from me for freight. And so it seems like one year, well, Monfort is buying, and the next year IBP is buying them. So you cannot figure out or get any competition between the two of them. And I guess I wanted to ask Senator Dierks one question while I'm up at the mike here.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Senator Dierks, will you yield?

SENATOR DIERKS: Yes.

SENATOR JONES: Yes, I want to thank you for doing this. And I guess I want to say one thing, you don't know how many other