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as 50,000 animal units. Would it be possible, in your view, for businesses involved in packing to redefine themselves in such a way that they...they fell under that level, either by establishing subdivisions or something like that?

SENATOR DIERKS: I think that's possible.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay. Another question concerns Section 7, and the concern with paying different prices. And I appreciate the intent there. It's aimed at avoiding price variability that is not based on product quality or other characteristics. But I would...I would just point out that I think I know of cases where packers buy livestock at auctions. And at times in an auction market you, I think as you well know, you'll get variation from one lot to the next that can't be probably explained by a quality differential. Would...how would this apply to sales that occur at auction markets?

SENATOR DIERKS: Well, the auction market is a place where true price discovery is taking place. And I don't think there's any...there couldn't be a violation of a price paid in an auction market that would be different an hour later from a different price that was paid.

SENATOR RAIKES: So, if I understand you correctly, these provisions would not really apply to exchanges that occurred at an auction market or another competitively designed market institution. Is that correct?

SENATOR DIERKS: Well, I'm not sure what another competitive design market institution is, but the auction market, I believe, would be...you're right, an exemption would exist for the auction market.

SENATOR RAIKES: Okay, all right. Well, one other question. Would this legislation deal at all with so called top of the week pricing arrangements? Do I need to explain to you what that means?

SENATOR DIERKS: I didn't even hear what you said, I guess.

SENATOR RAIKES: I asked if this legislation would pertain to so