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SENATOR HILGERT: Okay. And another question, what's happened on the federal level? I've heard reference to that, we're trying to force the federals to do something. What's the status right now of that discussion?

SENATOR DIERKS: Well, right now the federal people are trying to establish legislation to do these same things. And I was in conversation with one of the executives for the livestock industry, a little bit ago, and they have sent to their national headquarters, a copy of this...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: One minute.

SENATOR DIERKS: ...this amendment. And they've been looking at that as a possibility for some model legislation for the Congress.

SENATOR HILGERT: Now, if federal legislation was to be adopted, would your committee amendment that was adopted by the Agriculture Committee, would that be preempted at that time, should the federal regulations differentiate at all from our state regulations?

SENATOR DIERKS: I don't...

SENATOR HILGERT: Or we would still be subservient or take precedence over the federal regulations?

SENATOR DIERKS: I don't think that it would be preempted, I think it depends on what legislation is passed. We might have to make some changes statutorily another year.

SENATOR HILGERT: Do you think we could put a deal in here, or an amendment to your...to the committee amendments to say that, once the federal government takes action, our Nebraska effort here will then cede to what the federals are doing, so that Nebraska doesn't simply become an island of unique legislation in something that...because we do want standardization?

SENATOR DIERKS: I don't think that that has to be done, for a couple reason. Number one, we're not going to become an island. If they try to discriminate and not purchase cattle from this