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state, that's a violation of the...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Time.

SENATOR DIERKS: ...the Packers and Stockyards Act.

SENATOR HILGERT: Okay.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, Mr. President, members. I'll be very brief. I want to ask Senator Dierks, and I think maybe some of my questions were answered with your exchange with Senator Hilgert, as to where you saw this fitting in with states around us and nationally? And if you want to reiterate that in a couple of sentences, fine, "Cap". That's all I'll have to say.

SENATOR DIERKS: Okay. I think that whatever is done at the federal level, if it comes to grips with the situation that we have and it meets the requirements that we make in our bill, then I think we have an opportunity to come back and change legislation. But I wouldn't want to put a caveat on this legislation that says we're going to change it when that's done, because it may not be done to our satisfaction either. So I'm not going...I'm not willing to say we're going to put caveats on there. I think we have to do what we have here and....

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: But I also understand then that other states around us, hopefully, are doing it, and this thing will expand to the extent that the federal government will take serious note of what we are doing here in Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, Dakotas, and so forth, and make national legislation more likely, which will then become much more effective.

SENATOR DIERKS: Well, Senator Kerrey encouraged us to do this. And he said it's well for it to be done locally, state-by-state, and even regionally by states, because it shows them somewhat of a united front, and it gives them the opportunity to present their legislation on the same basis with what we've done. And we don't have...everybody in the block here hasn't done this, but we're getting some of it done, and we're making headway. I