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SENATOR BEUTLER: Are there any known individual packers out there?

SENATOR DIERKS: Well...

SENATOR BEUTLER: I mean, can you run that kind of an operation as an individual owner?

SENATOR DIERKS: I think there are. It's illegal. I can...I know that I can prove it.

SENATOR BEUTLER: It's illegal to do it as an individual?

SENATOR DIERKS: It's illegal to do it as a corporation.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Right. But are there some who are truly individuals who are doing it?

SENATOR DIERKS: Oh, I think so, yeah.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. And would this...would this Section 4 then prohibit them from owning or keeping or feeding livestock if they're a packer?

SENATOR DIERKS: It would as far as the constitution's concerned.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Section 4, as I read it, would require the divestiture of any ownership by a packer if that packer were an individual.

SENATOR DIERKS: Oh, are you talking about sole proprietor?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Yes.

SENATOR DIERKS: As you know, this...this Initiative 300 deals only with corporations.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Right.

SENATOR DIERKS: And it excludes family farm corporations, so....