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to the committee amendments from Senator Beutler.

**PRESIDENT MAURSTAD:** Senator Dierks, would you like to spend a couple of moments bringing us up to speed on LB 835 and the committee amendments.

**SENATOR DIERKS:** Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker...Mr. President. LB 835, of course, is my priority bill and we heard testimony or debate on it yesterday for about an hour and twenty minutes. And the thrust of it is the committee amendments actually become the bill, and with that, we are looking at three different bills that I had introduced originally that had their hearing the same day in February, and those three bills have been combined into one; calls for price reporting, calls for transparency in contracts that are signed by packers and feedlot operators, and it calls for a ban on packer feeding. We have gotten, I think, to the point that we're...we have discussed it fairly well. I think that a number of people raised questions. Senator Bromm wanted some things put on the record. I think so did Senator Wehrbein. Senator Beutler had asked for some information and so had...so had Senator Raikes and Senator Brashear, and I think that at this point I would just ask for your support of the amendment and I'll be interested in what Senator Beutler's amendment does. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT MAURSTAD:** Thank you, Senator Dierks. Mr. Clerk.

**CLERK:** Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to amend the committee amendments. (See AM0973 found on page 1178 of the Legislative Journal.)

**PRESIDENT MAURSTAD:** Senator Beutler, you are recognized on your amendment to the committee amendments to LB 835.

**SENATOR BEUTLER:** Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, this is intended to be and is, in fact, a friendly amendment, and it deals with two sections of the bill; Section 13 of the bill and Section 23 of the bill. And those two sections do the same thing but they apply, one applies to the swine section and one applies to the livestock section, and they require reports from the packers. And those reports, those reports are required to be filed and they must be filed, and if