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discussion on the advancement of 835. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, and members of the Legislature, the bill I am glad is going to move, but the closer you get to the viper's nest, the louder it begins to hiss. It takes a defensive posture to just be there to make sure you don't get too close, but if you get too close, then it will attack. So I don't think we should let our guard down and feel that because the bill is going to move this morning that the struggle is at an end and the battle is over. I think there are people lying in wait, not in the way that Senator Hilgert did, who are trying to figure a way to derail this bill. They wanted to size up the body's determination. We had a meeting, some members of us who are on the Ag Committee, and there were representatives of IBP, ConAgra, Cargill, and Farmland, and I sat there and I watched them. And here's the way they like to operate. As we were trying to determine which of these four bills we would bring out, one of the big shots would say, harrumph or hmm, how they do that, I don't mind this part, I don't mind this bill. Why, our company doesn't even think about owning our own animals and selling them. So we say, well, this bill is going to come out, but then somebody else over here will say, ah, but wait, that is not the case with us, so maybe we need to kind of massage that. So then we get to another issue, price reporting. Well, we don't care about that, everybody should know. Then somebody will, ah, but, see, we have competitors and we are making reports to the federal government of this and that. So being a naive city slicker, I said, well, if you're making these reports to the federal government, I don't even understand why we have to do anything at the state level because you're doing it. So let me ask you a question. And I'm paraphrasing, are you required to report this? Then they start hemming and hawing and talking about voluntar...volunteer...voluntary this, voluntary that, and somebody is giving this and somebody is giving that. And I say, what's done with all this information? And to be quite frank with you, brothers and sisters, it wasn't clear to me what they were talking about but it was crystal-clear to me what they were trying to do. Senator Vrtiska was there, and every now and then he would say, wait a minute. Paraphrasing, I am telling you again, we each have our own way of expressing ourselves; we don't want to talk up here in the clouds. We want to bring