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mercy of the market. You can't tell the...you can't tell the packer, well, I'll wait and sell these...sell this a month from now, because they will become overfat, and if Senator Chambers would like to respond to that or has been listening, I would give him the rest of my time. I usually don't do that, but in this case I will.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Chambers, would you like Senator Schrock's time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I would and I want everybody to make careful note of Senator Schrock's disclaimer. Senator Schrock, I ran out of time before I could finish what I was doing and somebody else may give me time, but I'd like to continue my discussion with Senator Raikes, and I'm going to short-circuit what I was going to say to build up to it and get right to where you raised an issue. Senator Raikes, let us say that this producer of iron ore winds up in such a bad way that others who produce the iron ore say I'm not going to get in that situation, I'm going to produce some iron. So the guy over across the river starts to make iron, but he or she or they do not have the capacity to fabricate it into products that can be sold. So here you have this iron, but if you keep it on hand for a certain period of time, Senator Schrock, you make this anticlimactic, but I was telling Senator Matt Connealy what my intention was the next step. The iron begins to corrode. It weakens structurally. It is not good for any significant purpose, so now although you have the iron, you've converted the ore into iron, it's going to lose its ability to be used for everything if its not sold. Now those who have been in this game and the manufacturers understand this. So now they can go to the one who makes the iron, another step in the process away from just getting the raw material out of the ground, and say if you don't sell that iron, it's of no value. If you keep the iron, look at it now, it's rusting. You're going to start seeing pits develop in it, then cracks. Then it's going to crumble and disintegrate and you're going to have what amounts to iron ore on your hands again. But I'll tell you what I'll do. I'm not going to just buy your iron ore, your iron. You look like somebody who is trying to step up in the world, so we're going to enter a contract. I'm going to guarantee you that all of the iron you can produce, provided its of the