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think a day will come when you will look...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...back on what was done, with reference to this bill, and be gladder that we did it than you would be had we not done it. If chickens come home to roost on this, Senator Dierks, they will be in the form of a platter piled high in fried or both roasted, broasted or boiled to each person's particular taste and appetite.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Dierks, you're recognized to close on the advancement of LB 835.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I just have to make a comment or two as we close on the bill. Senator Chambers has, for his lack of understanding of agricultural issues, has done a tremendous job of explaining what is going on here today. I think he brings an element to the Ag Committee that is very valuable to us because he represents a very urban part of our state but has a very keen knowledge of the agricultural issues, and he has a way of bringing the issue to a good point. There is one...something I want to tell you that I neglected to when I was talking earlier, that when we had the packers meeting with us, with the Ag Committee, that I also told them besides the fact that we needed to make dollars, make a profit in production agriculture, that we also needed them because we do need the packers and we just...but we want them to treat us fairly. So I...and the other thing I want to mention as we close, and I think I mentioned that a little bit yesterday too, Senator Wehrbein has a bill that I think will provide us with some insight as far as some of the antitrust problems we have in this state with the processing or more or less with the distribution of our products. We know that the packers aren't the only ones that have to help us. The retailers also have to help us. And with that, I'd just ask for your vote on LB...to move LB 835 to Select File. I think maybe I'd like to call the house. I would like to call the house.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The question is, shall the house go under call? All those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Please