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With that, I'd ask your support of the amendment and welcome any questions. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Discussion on the Dierks amendment to LB 835? Senator Dierks, you're recognized to close. Senator Dierks waives closing. The question before us is the adoption of AM1298. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Dierks' amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is adopted.

CLERK: Senator Brashear would move to amend with AM1299. (AM1299, Legislative Journal page 1479.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Brashear, you're recognized to open on your amendment to LB 835.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President, members of the body, I...when you rise to express concern about a bill that's been sailed to Select File overwhelmingly with no negative votes, why, I think rational people give some pause, but starting on Easter Sunday, although I don't have any livestock feeders in my district or any livestock feeding in my district between 120th and 156th Streets and Center to Maple, I started getting calls. And I think those were...and I discussed those with Senator Dierks, as there are no secrets here, as we all know, and Senator Dierks explained to me why people were calling me, because they didn't like the bill because they were...he thought maybe they were skirting some procedures. But it caused me to focus more than I had in my sort of cursory examination of this on the floor when it was on General File. I do have concerns about the bill. I'm not trying to be obstructionist or obstreperous. I simply want to raise concerns, ask our collective attention to them. If they make any sense, fine. If they don't, then I'll step aside. That's the way I do this job. But I...AM1299 is particularly troubling to me because, notwithstanding any and all things that packers do wrong that we don't like, I do not understand it to be the will of this body to simply literally drive them out of the state or tell them we don't want them. And while we might