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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: I'll waive off.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Brashear waives. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. President and members. Senator Brashear suggested that we got to a place there about definition of where packers...or, where farmers...I'm sorry, packers could not feed these cattle. I said it was because of Initiative 300. I tend to skip some of the fine print and I got to that by virtue of the fact that...that...in the definition of "farming." It says...Initiative 300 talks about farming and defines "farming" and that, in turn, defines what packers can do, and that's how I got to that explanation, when Senator Brashear asked me on the floor on General File, that packers couldn't own or feed livestock, because they were actually doing some things that are not correct according to Initiative 300. We, as a body, can define statutorily issues of Initiative 300. The Attorney General just makes...does Opinions on them. We can make those statutory changes. I'd like to ask Senator Brashear a question.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Brashear, would you yield to a question from Senator Dierks?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Yes, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Brashear, do you think that...are you saying you think that packers should be able and allowed to feed cattle in this state?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: I don't think...I don't think...the policy decision's been made that they shouldn't and that's covered by the definition of farming and ranching in Initiative 300, and I'm trying to use that definition. So I am not advocating that...and that's what I was just going to explain to Senator Wehrbein off...off microphone, that packers are now bound by the prohibition that they not engage in farming and ranching, and that's how we...how Initiative 300 was constructed and that's how it defines the prohibition, and it's out failure in LB 835