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whether or not Initiative 300 allows corporations to be engaged in the production, the adding of weight, to cattle. I don't think it does. I think Initiative 300 is clear in that regard. But I think we're going beyond that prohibition here. I want to make sure if we go beyond it we go beyond it with purpose and design so that it makes sense and will work. I still urge the adoption of AM1299. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT MAURSTAD:** Thank you, Senator Brashear. Senator Bromm, for discussion on the Brashear amendment to LB 835.

**SENATOR BROMM:** Thank you, Mr. President. Once again, I think, in the area that this amendment delves into, the question for the body is whether you want to simply dovetail into Initiative 300 constitutional language or whether you want to be more specific in identifying the problem that we feel we have with the packers controlling enough livestock that when the price starts to go up they can simply call on their own supplies, stop bidding on livestock out in the field, and stop the rising prices, or lower them, as the case may be. Now I think the problem that we're trying to address...if the problem we're trying to address in that area could be addressed by simply enforcing Initiative 300, I think there's enough people that have looked at the problem, that are watching it, that we would be enforcing it without this legislation. We don't need this legislation to do that. I think it is not really possible to solve the problem with just Initiative 300 because of what is happening. The packers are either directly or indirectly, and I think many cases directly, owning cattle, finding feedlots that are willing to violate Initiative 300 and feed those cattle for them and, when the time comes for slaughter, obviously they've got a...they've got a captive supply so when they need to...when they get a little short on numbers they simply call up their own supply and it takes the pressure off of the demand, so no longer do we have a supply and demand situation as...as...as we wish we had and what makes the market work. I have filed an amendment which will come along after Senator Brashear's amendment which I hope will zero in on some of Senator Brashear's concerns. I don't know that he'll be able to support it, but it does zero in on words that talk about temporary ownership necessary and incidental to the process of slaughter, and it does exempt that, that temporary ownership, from the prohibition under this