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three...two and three), big share of that feeding is done there by corporate ownership, either packer or otherwise. This distinctly puts us at a disadvantage across this industry if we pursue this to the degree of the present wording of the bill, in contrast to what Senator Dierks is...or Senator Brashear is proposing, and that is a dilemma for me. At this stage of the game, with agriculture short of funds, there is not much way to get some funds into the country, some capital, much needed capital. Many are carrying huge losses. We've had a 21-month period of losses. Capital is coming hard by there's about a \$3 billion loss in the industry across the country in cattle feeding. It's quite a drain on equity, to say it mildly. Contrast, there's about two...one and a half to two billion dollars in equity drain in the hog industry.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: It's quite a drain. And so many are surviving right at this particular point in time by having outside feeding. They want to be legal and they, under their circumstances, believe that they are being legal at this point under Initiative 300 in our constitution. This goes a step further and I'm struggling with this issue, and perhaps I should make...I've not filed a conflict of interest. I do not...I'm not doing anything directly under this bill myself, as a packer feeder, feeding for packers and so forth. I simply feed cattle, so I think...I thought maybe I ought to make that disclaimer in closing, but I will be back again. Thanks.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Chambers, on the Brashear amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Raikes blew my cover. I have to straighten that out first. As happens with many scientific ventures, you wind up with a prototype, but you always hear the scientists say, we have not yet brought it to the point where it can be produced or made commercial. Now, I have been doing a little bit of engineering and, Senator Hudkins, believe it or not, there is this little creature that I have which in the front...it's in thirds. The front third does produce mutton, the middle third is beef, and the hind third is pork, but the creature's only