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think they're flaunting the law if they have...if they have relationships with individuals who are holding those cattle for them, but it would be very difficult to probably make a violation stick because at any given moment they will say that these individuals own these cattle, or this partnership owns these cattle. So what I'm trying to do in my amendment is strengthen that a little bit and say it's not legal for them to be directly or indirectly involved in the ownership, feeding and keeping of livestock except as is incidental to the process of slaughter.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Which is the way we're doing it now. What I'm saying, a packer feeding...buying cattle today over the weekend or week out, is he legal or illegal under 300?

SENATOR BROMM: You mean if he buys them and...and owns them while they're in the packer's holding pen?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Right.

SENATOR BROMM: I think technically he's probably illegal.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Oh, you do. Okay. Well, that...

SENATOR BROMM: But I'm not sure. But I need to...I should probably have read that AG's Opinion that you spoke of.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay. Well, I'm trying to get it, but I have quite a few newspaper articles relate back to it...

SENATOR BROMM: Yeah.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: ...and the interpretation was at that time that the ownership of cattle could go far...as far back as, let's say, the five months, the time of placing on feed. So the week issue was apparently moot and so I...I want to clarify, because it does kind of depend on my support of this and the caveats that are included, and I know we're playing on words, but I am very concerned.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time. Senator Beutler, on the Brashear amendment.