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Mr. President, the next amendment on LB 835, Senator Bromm has the next. Senator, note that you want to withdraw your first floor amendment and offer the second floor amendment you gave me, which is FA101.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: If there's no objection, Senator Bromm. (FA101, Legislative Journal page 1489.)

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, and I forgive you. (Laugh)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Someone needs to.

SENATOR BROMM: Okay, thank you. This amendment I'm asking leave to substitute and Senator Brashear was also gracious enough to move his last amendment down which has to do with, I think, the implementation date so we can continue to talk about this same area of the bill and the subject matter, and I thank him for that. This amendment would do two things. On AM7092, page 2, line 15, the language you've been looking at, it adds the words "directly or indirectly" after "engaged;" "engaged directly or indirectly in the ownership, keeping, or feeding" is the way it would read. The second thing it does in that same Section 4, after...after "products," it would remove the period and insert the words "other than temporary ownership, keeping and feeding, not to exceed five (5) days, necessary and incidental to the process of slaughter." Now let me explain why I am saying "directly or indirectly," because I want to make a little bit of a record on this. I think it is not only possible but I think it occurs that packers may engage in the business of...of financing, purchasing, allowing third parties who may be farmers or ranchers to own and feed livestock under an arrangement whereby when it comes time to market it will be...it will be the packer's call as to when they market them and they will pass into the ownership of the packer who has provided, in some cases, not only the livestock but the financing and all of...and paid for...provide the financing for the feed as well as the livestock. And I consider that to be an indirect ownership, keeping, or feeding by the packer and it would be my intent, by inserting these words, to prohibit that type of arrangement as well as the direct ownership, keeping, and feeding by the packer. And that's why I offer the words.