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SENATOR RAIKES: How would you answer that? Would in fact it be a problem for an employee of a packing company, even a production employee, who happened to also, as a separate business, operate a feedlot?

SENATOR DIERKS: I think that the qualification is the agent. A packer means a person or an agent of that person who is engaged in this business. And I don't think that means somebody who's in the production line, or somebody is in the purchasing part of the department, or someone who's in...you know, I don't think any employee, but someone who's an agent of that packer (inaudible).

SENATOR RAIKES: Well, I was not able to follow the conjunctive discussion about "and" and "or." But I think it means...or Section 5 says, "packer means a person," and then it goes on to "or agent," which means it wouldn't have to be a person and an agent of such person. But if the packer is a person, and person includes an employee, I guess I'm not following the way in which you think the situation that I've described would be exempted.

SENATOR DIERKS: I think that what you're talking about is a person or that person's agent, not "and that person's agent."

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR RAIKES: All right. So the...what you're telling me is that you don't think a person who is involved in...or an individual who is an employee of a packing company would be prohibited from...from feeding cattle?

SENATOR DIERKS: Well, I think you have to...you have to define for me the employee, because I think that some employees are, some employees aren't. If that employee is an actual agent of the packer and serving as a liaison, as the agent, why then I think maybe he is...be covered under the law. But, if you're talking about someone on the production line, or someone in purchasing, those people don't...they don't qualify as an agent. The defining term there is "agent," I believe.

SENATOR RAIKES: All right. So, if...if I was a vice president of a packing company, and fed cattle, you think that would be a