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excluded.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay.

SENATOR DIERKS: Another thing is, we are looking at an amendment that would strike "employees" from line 17,...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay.

SENATOR DIERKS: ...to clarify some of the problems that Senator Raikes had with it.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay. I just wanted to make a few general comments. This is a difficult issue. I think the body ought to recognize where this heads with us. I probably am going to support the bill, I did originally, I still do. In a perfect world, I easily support the bill. In a perfect world, I can easily support this bill. The dilemma is, it is not a perfect world. Cattle feeding across this country is highly competitive, in the western states particularly. Packers come and go in areas where cattle are available, so forth and so on. And in its present form I would have to say that nearly everyone would agree it's going to put Nebraska at a competitive disadvantage with this bill. At this point that's a risk I'm willing to take, but I want you to know it's not easy to do. Cattle feeding in Nebraska is...is, like I said, about number three, sometimes number two. But with the mandatory reporting requirements in this bill, first of all, I'll go with the mandatory reporting, whether it's hogs or cattle, I strongly support that. If it was my preference, we would delay this a little bit longer than this bill does, because it does put those in Nebraska in a position of perhaps setting up a state reporting system prior to the federal reporting system, which is probably all but inevitable. And whether it will be coming on line by January 1st of this year, I'm not sure. I think an April 1st deadline would be much more certain. It may well happen this summer or fall. So that might not be a problem, but potentially it is, if we end up with a double reporting system, even for a few months, as we have to set up a reporting system for Nebraska and then have a national reporting system. The other thing is the issue of the livestock ownership and the packer feeding. As I said, Kansas and Texas are...