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conversation. I think we've had some good talk about this stuff. But I still have to be in opposition to this amendment. I'm not sure that everybody really understands exactly what the bill says and exactly what the amendment does. I'd like to go over that a little bit for you. The bill becomes effective I think 90 days after it's signed, and if that's the first of June, why, then you're looking at sometime around first of September. The reporting part of the bill, as far as the reports that have to do for price reporting to the federal government and to the state government, take place January 1. That's currently part of the statute. The reason for that is we want to give the state Department of Agriculture absolute time to have the forms developed, have their interim...have their...their rules and regulations hearings, and it just takes that much time. So that's currently present in the bill. The amendment that you have before you would put the starting date back to the first of May, I believe, but it also would do the same thing with the ban on packer feeding, and the ban on packer feeding cannot be delayed. That's got to start immediately, as soon as the bill is passed. So I just wanted you to understand exactly where that was, where we were with this legislation, what it does and what the amendment is attempting to do. And, at this point, I'm still going to oppose the amendment and I have...I've passed out a copy of Nebraska Farmer to you and I thought you might be interested in looking on page 8. It talks about the demise of the central market in Omaha, which, back in the forties and fifties, this was the pride of the nation. It was the largest market in the world, and now it's gone, and a large part of that, well, most...it's all due to the fact that the packers moved away. They had...they had a sign out there at the entrance to the yards that said, it was a big sign you read when you walked...drove in there to take your cattle in. It says, the packer doesn't go to the country to give more money. But where are you taking your cattle now, and your hogs? They don't give more money in the country, for sure. With that, I'm going to return my time to the Chair and ask that you consider...continue to oppose the amendment, because I do. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Senator Jones, on the Brashear amendment to LB 835.