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SENATOR JONES: Lieutenant Governor and members of the body, I just want to stand up and oppose this here amendment. Senator Coordsen said a lot of things that I was thinking about putting in my comments, but, you're right, we cannot sell fat cattle anymore out there, we cannot sell fat hogs. And I just want to bring it out to the fact that this article in the Nebraska Farmer, which I got at my house last week, is a good example of that. I've sent livestock to Omaha, to Omaha Exchange, and I went down there with them, and you had packers walking around and every one of them would decide what he could give for this pen and that pen, and we had competition and I thought that was great. But now that packing plant...now that there all the packing plants has left Omaha and the Omaha Exchange is going to leave after 115 years. That's where we got our markets and that was a good guideline of what we was going to pay us that day, but right now we don't know what our markets is. In fact, we might only be able to sell our livestock about 30 minutes in one week and the market's gone until another week. It's just so short a span anymore, because they own so many of the cattle are owned, and that's just runs competition against us. Somebody said, well, why should we be first in this? Well, why shouldn't we be first? We're probably one of the largest feeding states in the nation right now, so why shouldn't we be first on something like this? Because we are the livestock industry, in that we're the hub of it right here, and so I think we should be first to send a message back to Washington. If they pass something out there that will override this, fine, but I still think that this is the right way to go and I'm just going to continue to oppose Senator Brashear's amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Jones. Senator Chambers, on the Brashear amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I'm disappointed that my friend, Senator Dierks, didn't yield his time to me instead of giving it back to the Chair. He knows I need time. Maybe somebody else will be a little more forward-looking and give me some time on this issue. I would like to grill my friend, "Senator Hamburger," if I may. "Senator Hamburger," would you answer a question or two?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Could you be a little more specific,