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opening, we...your...your amendment wasn't going anywhere. So that's why nothing you said...

SENATOR BRASHEAR: That's why I withdrew it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But...

SENATOR BRASHEAR: I don't know why we're still talking about it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Because now we have a new subject to discuss and everything takes on a type of relevance. I want to see if you are in a position to answer these questions with a degree of expertise, so that we can have a higher comfort level than we have, or than I have, as a nonagriculturalist. Senator Brashear, you decided on your own, without consultation with the packers, that we should delay this reporting requirement. Is that true?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: I did not consult with any specific packer. I knew that the industry as a whole had a concern with constructing a duplicative reporting system.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So, although none talked to you perhaps directly, did any of them talk to you directly about this?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: How did you become aware of the concern that the packers have then?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Senator, let...Senator Chambers, may I respectfully suggest we get where you're going? I heard about it indirectly.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. So then if the packers didn't come to you directly, there is nobody on this floor that was directly contacted by the packers, saying that we shouldn't have this system take effect January 3rd. Would you say that's correct, as far as you know? Do you know of anybody who was contacted by the packers to seek this delay?