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had a half a load of hogs on before he got there. He said he had a another full load to go back and get, but he wasn't too anxious to go get them because he had to throw them on the truck by hand and that takes time and time is money and...but, you know, if you have...and these hogs were varying in weight from I guess 12.5 pounds to 150 pounds. It was from a confinement unit. So I know that there's a problem with the labor part of it, but I know another confinement unit that has a truck parked there that happens to be owned by Darling Delaware which is a, owns rendering plants up there. But they just drive a truck out, load the hogs in, when it's full they come out and get them and haul another empty truck out there. So some of them are being handled all right, but the individual farmer and rancher out there is having difficulties. And so until there's some sort of a new market developed for the product from the rendering plants, I don't see much else helping. And we don't know for sure about the composting. We think it's going to work, but this is just on a trial basis.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay. The reason I wanted to ask on the mike because I could have asked you but I don't think it's understood out there how widespread the problem is or the sudden decrease in the value of the tankage and so forth, and I thought maybe it ought to...maybe we'll have questions on it because I wasn't aware of the particular problems until I've had to have pick ups recently.

SENATOR DIERKS: Well, the problem is going on across the state. We contacted renderers all across the state and they're all having the same problem. It isn't like one guy is saying we've got a problem. It's...and I'm sure it's nationwide.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: And that's mostly the value of the by-products going out because, see, near me they're bringing the pseudorabies killed hogs out in Minnesota, I mean it's a terrific workload they've got. I mean the plant capacity is at full bore so that would tell you the overhead should be covered, but apparently it's products going out.

SENATOR DIERKS: Well, my first thought was, you know, the by-product or the raw product costs nothing except the transportation and the labor of getting it there, but even at