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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Discussion on the Bromm amendment, Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES: Mr. Lieutenant Governor and members of the body, I need to stand up and just say a few words about this. We had it to the Transportation Committee and I've got a lot of the isolated sections in my district. In fact, a lot of ranchers is renting a school section and they own the ground all the way around it. And they...if somebody else would come in, well, that's the problem a lot of times because right now what we're trying to do with this bill is try to say, let's leave it like it is now. However the access is being to that parcel of ground now, it should remain that same way if it changes hands. Otherwise, with so many parcels selling in the next few years, well, the county could be called in to say, well, you're going to have to give me a good road to it. So that's what really brought this bill on and we're trying to take the load off the counties by doing this. And also, like Senator Janssen said, that this would make more bidders for that isolated section and would help the school trust fund. And I think that's the main reason for it so, hopefully, that we can get this attached to it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Jones. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. President. I keep thinking of things I need to talk with Senator Bromm about.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Bromm.

SENATOR DIERKS: This two miles of road that would have to be built from the county road that goes by my place into where the section 16 is...or section 36, there would have to be a fence put on each side of that road and it would go all the way through my two miles and would bisect my pastures. I would have to put in some more wells to make sure that there's water for the cattle on the places where they're fenced out. There's going to be some difficulties with the ranchers out there when you do these things. You ought to know about that because I'm sure, as you said, the fence will be paid for by the man who's doing the request but he'd build actually four miles of fence