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thought it was interesting, that you might want to know that that's happening. It isn't just Nebraska that's looking at it. It's going on across the nation. So the alarm has gone out by the people that sell us our vehicles, and they want some help. I think it's up to us to provide them with the help. Thank you very much.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Dierks. On the Bromm amendment, Senator Vrtiska, followed by Bromm, Beutler, and Chambers.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Senator Crosby, members of the body. I think Senator Bromm already expressed some of the thoughts that I had. When we talk about these kind of movement by the industry or by the corporate structure, we'll certainly see some short-term gains, but I think long term we're going to see a loss. And, you know, it's kind of interesting because all of us obviously read newspapers and newspapers have been reporting about the states where dealers...where automobile manufacturers have moved in and offered to buy up a franchise and, if they wouldn't sell it, they were reluctant to sell, they would automatically set up a company dealership and basically force them out of...force them out of business. That's good for the consumer at the time, but my question is, as already alluded to by Senator Dierks, what's going to happen in the long term when they capture all the market and then they're able to determine how much money they want to make on a vehicle and nobody is going to have any say in it? And I...I agree with Senator Dierks, it's happened in production agriculture. I suspect probably the machinery manufacturers will be next that will come in and start to take over the dealerships and sell their machinery directly to the agriculture, people in agriculture, the same way that we're dealing with this. And I guess small-town America is under siege right now and it looks to me like this is another step to destroy the very structure of this country, and I'm going to...I signed on to this bill simply because I can see what the long-term...what I consider the long-term results will be. I don't think we need to be so alarmed that we're going to destroy our ability to have competition, because we've got dealers in these towns and if they're not in your town they're in a neighboring town, and they're willing to deal with you on the purchase of a vehicle