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inspection pilot program will be terminated. So if it falls below that, then there is not going to be enough willing people out there to take advantage of the state inspection. We had...we had testimony in committee from Kansas, who said that it is working fine in the state of Kansas, and actually...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.

SENATOR JANSSEN: ...it will give the...that local processor the opportunity to market animals that have been taken off the farm and not run through a slaughterhouse, and they will be able to sell the products to, say, restaurants if they are state inspected or fully inspected. The way it is now, you would be able to do it, but you would have to be federally inspected. Now, whether the federal government wants to keep up that program or not I don't know. They will kick in 50 percent, by the way, of the cost of the pilot program and I believe if the program is fully enacted that 50 percent will remain there and the federal people will be kicking in 50 percent. So I think this is a good bill. It's a pilot program. It's a pilot project. If it doesn't work after the year 2004...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR JANSSEN: ...then get rid of it.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Senator Dierks, on the Robak amendment.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. President. I just wanted to stand in support of Senator Robak's amendment to the committee amendments. I think that it brings things up-to-date, gives realism to the bill. I wanted to comment on one of the things that Senator Wehrbein asked about and I think that Senator Janssen did a pretty good job of telling about the...stopping the program after less than five...five or less plants are operating. It automatically stops the program after two years, I believe. I wanted to tell you, Senator Wehrbein, just for your information, that we had some...there was a bill similar to this introduced in 1997, was LB 661, and we had a little bit of a survey done I think that indicated there were a hundred and...in Nebraska, there were 129 custom processing plants at