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LB 1092

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Senator Robak, you're recognized to close on your amendment.

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just closing on my amendment to the committee amendments, all it does is set the time table for the state meat inspection pilot program and you can look at your pink sheet. You'll see the whole thing. Thank you. I urge the body to adopt my amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Robak. The question is the adoption of the Robak amendment to the committee amendments to LB 1092. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Robak's amendment to the committee amendments.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The amendment is agreed to. Discussion on the committee amendments to LB 1092? Senator Dierks, you're recognized to close on the committee amendments.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. President, only briefly. I'd just like to remind you that there are a number of safeguards built into the legislation. Federal government won't let us do it any differently. This meat inspection program has got to be totally safe. They've got new standards today called HACCP which went into...which are just going into effect right now. State meat inspection cannot be any less than that. The inspectors that are involved with this program have to have at least 6 months to 12 months training before they can do it. Now that's the lay inspectors, so...and then information we got is that most of these people have to have 12 months of inspection, and that is not on-the-job training. That is in the classroom and in the packing house, actual training before they come to an assignment. So, you see, the pilot program takes a little bit longer from that standpoint. And I would just urge your support of the committee amendments and the bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Dierks. The question is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 1092. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Please record.