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going to read, starting at line 26 on page 4: For purposes of this subdivision, livestock operation means the feeding or holding of beef cattle, dairy cattle, horses, swine, sheep, poultry, or other livestock in buildings, lots, or pens which normally are not used for the growing of crops or vegetables. That doesn't make sense to me. If it's a building that ordinarily is used for growing crops or vegetables you don't have to be growing crops or vegetables in the building. You can then have one of these livestock operations where you keep the swine and feed them. There are operations where swine are fed in buildings. This doesn't say anything about that. It's just language that doesn't make sense. But I'll get to that later. I just want to call your attention to other aspects of the bill so you won't think I'm just pulling things out of the air and saying words without having something in the bill that those words will attach to. I do want to hear why restaurants cannot be included. Are the rural people not entitled to a decent restaurant? Are they not? I'm the one interested in rural people. Others are interested in businesses. I know the "Silver Fox" is interested in business and so is everybody else, but I'm going to keep hammering until we begin to focus our attention on those who are to be the ultimate beneficiaries, supposedly. Who is going to work? The people in the rural areas. They are a part of a depressed economy which always has been depressed compared to what happens in the more urbanized area of the state. That economy is always going to be depressed in Nebraska and in every other state if by it being depressed you mean that wages are higher in the city areas. This bill is not going to do what people say it should do. I'm shocked at Senator Schimek. I'm shocked. Senator DiAnna Schimek rephrased the perennial question and that perennial question is, how are you going to keep them down on the farm? But Senator Schimek updated it and spoke of it in terms of the brain drain; that young people leave the area. So she put it a different way but the question still boils down to the same thing--how are you going to keep them there? What draws young people to the city? She mentioned they will leave the rural areas because there are not good jobs. I think there are other reasons too, but let us say that that is the reason. This bill does not produce good jobs. Senator Schimek, this bill does not produce good jobs. You said the absence of good jobs is why people leave the rural areas. Young people are still going to leave because this