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with the auction and this is the first time they sold any in Custer County. The two years before they just leased it back and never sold any. So they started this as \$400 an acre and the man that had been leasing this chunk never even showed up at the sale. I understood he thought it was way too high, so he didn't even show up at the sale. And the man that called me was sitting right beside me. He says, I would bid on this ground but, he says, I'm not going to open my mouth at \$400 an acre. He said, if they force me to bid that I will but, he says, I won't...I won't bid at \$400 an acre. Because on top of it there was improvements on this place of \$13 an acre, so if he would have opened his mouth it would have been \$413 an acre, because of the fences and the windmills and the tanks that's on it. So then they...so they just passed over it and went to the next one and it was priced at \$580 an acre, was what they was going to start that at, and the man that had been renting that was there and they looked at him for the first bid and he said no way. He said he wasn't going to bid that for it, so they passed over that. And then the last chunk they started, it's right north of Gothenburg, which is still all in Custer County, and they tried to start it at \$350 an acre, which is way above the price, and that man was not there either. So they said they would recess for five minutes and try it again. They recessed for five minutes and tried it again, went right through them all again the same way and they "no sale" all three of them parcels. They never got a bid on any of them. And so I asked them what they was going to do. They said they'd set another date in January and lease them back. Well, this is my concern. If this was happening across the area, why can't they start them down at market value? And this man said he might have went to \$400, but he was not going to start at that, way above anybody else's bid. So that's a concern when the man that's been leasing it didn't even show up at the sale and they start them at that price. So that's why I think we need this bill, to get the starting bid, so everybody can get a bid to start on, and I think that there will be a lot more of it sell and I don't doubt that it will probably bring just as much, but they got to have it started so they start lower. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jones. We are debating the Wickersham amendment, AM3105, to the committee amendments to LB 1010. Senator Bromm.