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inspected meat, having our small producers sell their meat to big packers and lose out on the dollar that would be kept in their pocket if they would market their own product. I'd say that would be a mistake to let this opportunity to just pass by. I think if North Dakota has the foresight to go ahead and get started, Minnesota, two years, had the foresight to go and get involved in state meat inspection programs, they have pumped \$6 million into their economy because of the farmers getting to get together and make their own co-ops and build buildings and jobs. As for needing more time to study this, well I'd say we don't have the time. We're watching our small and medium-sized producers go out of business right and left, and I don't think now is the time to say, let's look at it next year; I think this is the time. The fiscal note on this bill is low, and I don't think that pricetag should kill a bill of such importance to our communities. And finally, if the larger packers are concerned about this bill, there is no need to be concerned. This bill would not affect IBP, Monfort and the other large processors, they will still have federal inspection. Nothing will change for them. This is a voluntary program. As for why we need a state program and the question that many of you have asked me about why the federal program is not sufficient, the federal program is designed for the larger packers. Larger packers have the resources to make...investigate new sanitation methods and stay up-to-date with federal regulations. Smaller processors and farmer cooperatives that want to process their own meat do not have these resources. They hear time and again from federal inspectors that they cannot come over into compliance. We need a state meat inspection program to help smaller processors understand the regulations and tailor their plants to meet those regulations. I believe that the state program can act as a resource to...small processors come into compliance. I think a state program can do, rather than endless can't do, I've heard time and time again about this bill. I think a state meat inspection program could do it even better, it could help our small processors and our small producers succeed. I would appreciate your vote on the motion to override the Governor. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Debate on the override? Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the