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are talking about putting meat that's coming out of these small packers and local slaughter houses that would be, if they are under this inspection, would be...you could sell that meat to people right over the counter, rather than going through a farmer and buying a whole animal from him. And you would be able to sell to restaurants also. I think that if you...a lot of these small slaughter houses have some very good recipes for sausage and one thing and another and very marketable, and the general public, I think if they could eat that in a fine restaurant, why they might like it. I think it's a worthwhile project and I certainly hope that you will vote to override the Governor's veto. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I had a problem with this bill when it came out, after it was amended I could see some value. But I would like to ask Senator Janssen a question, if I could, he's an oak locker man.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Yes.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Senator Janssen, you know we debated this bill and some of the discussions surround around the use of inspectors, federal inspectors, state inspectors at locker plants. It's my understanding that all of the locker...the 200 or 100 and some people that belong to locker associations oppose this bill. Was it because they didn't like the inspection they had before, or what was the reason that they don't seem to support this?

SENATOR JANSSEN: Well, Senator Vrtiska, I don't believe that they really understood what the bill does. This is a pilot program to see if it's feasible to do what we're intending on doing. I had a letter from one operator of a custom slaughter plant; he can remain that way if he wants to, that doesn't mean that he is going to have to fall under the "instringent" inspecting of a plant that is going to retail that.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Well, I...