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into the construction industry, and I'm not sure that they were aware of that. I do think the language is too broad. And perhaps Senator Mines is correct that, you know, maybe it should be eliminated, rather than having this ambiguity in here. Because I don't think you can define what exactly equipment is, or is the equipment being referred to industrial equipment, what is industrial machinery. I think that the definitions, or at least the words that are in the statute, are ambiguous and vague. And I think this would be a difficult statute...

SENATOR KREMER: Right. Right.

SENATOR BOURNE: ...to follow, if it's enacted. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Seeing no further lights, Senator Kremer, do you wish to close on LB 71?

SENATOR KREMER: Yes. I'd just like to make a statement, why should not industrial equipment be included as much as agricultural equipment? If it's costing the dealers this much to do the paperwork, or else it's charged by the manufacturer to them, that they can pass it over. And I can just say that this is only...it cannot exceed that much. They don't have to charge anything if they don't want to. That competition should still be able to work in this. And like Senator Mines said, you know, as far as I'm concerned, take it off altogether. If I didn't like what they were going to charge me, I'd say, I'm not going to buy the equipment. But I see no reason why it should...the same piece of equipment should apply differently to agriculture equipment than it would to construction equipment. And you may have a problem with the definition of it. I guess I don't. But then, sometimes when you have it in law, you need to have it spelled out so everybody understands it. But the industrial people, the construction people had a chance to testify, and there was no objections from them. It's a matter of disclosure, I think, that you put down exactly what you're charging, because there is a cost to doing that. And there was...there were...I remember somebody, I think two years ago, came in and was very honest about it. They said, sometimes we are selling this equipment with a zero percent interest. And if we're doing that, we'd at least like to recoup the costs that we have doing