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Bromm, you're recognized.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you very much, Mr. President, and before members begin to leave I wanted to make a couple of announcements about tomorrow. I've had several questions about whether we'd be on Final Reading tomorrow, and our plan is to continue with this agenda, that we have today, tomorrow, on this bill. And the other question has been whether we would work through the noonhour tomorrow. We do not plan to do that. We'll start to do that perhaps next week on the final day of the week, but not tomorrow. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Speaker Bromm. Also before we go on, the kolaches that you received awhile ago, Speaker Bromm did not want to recognize his own birthday so he told me to do it for him, so he's celebrating his...I think he said the fiftieth year or something like that. So let's congratulate Senator Bromm. Happy Birthday. On with discussion, Senator Bourne, followed by nine others.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President. Members, here's where it gets a little confusing, in my opinion. If you vote yes on this particular amendment, FA1206, you're saying that packing houses or slaughterhouses shall be ineligible to participate in the LB 775 credits. If you vote no, you maintain the status quo in that those packing houses, those providers of jobs in slaughterhouses, packing houses, will still be eligible to participate in LB 775 credits. For me, I'm voting no. Why am I voting no? Because I think that packing houses, meat production facilities should be part of the mix. Earlier when we talked about this bill I mentioned a concept called value added, and I truly believe that until we, Nebraska, moves forward in adding value to our ag product, we're going to continue to lag behind the rest of the states economically. Let me give you an idea of where we're at. In Nebraska, we are one of the leading...or, excuse me, we are the top producer in live animals and meat, and we're the second producer of hides and skins of those animals. But when it comes to adding value to those products, not just meat but all ag products, we're 39th in the entire country. We're one of the leading producers of meat and feed grains, soybeans, hides, feeds, things of that nature.