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slaughterhouse operations from potential LB 775 credits in the future. The opening was made on that particular part of the committee amendment. There was some discussion after that time. Time ran out. And we are back on the topic of, should slaughterhouse operations be available for LB 775 credits?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis, for that briefing. We will...Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Bromm would move to amend with AM0924. (Legislative Journal pages 1004-1006.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Bromm, you're recognized to open on your amendment, AM0924, to FA1206 to LB 608. Senator Bromm.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Mr. President. Let me say right off the bat that this amendment has not been discussed with Senator Landis, nor with Senator Brashear, nor with any members of the lobby. But as we left here yesterday and thought about this section in the bill, I've been thinking for some time that I could not support taking out the packinghouses from the credit process. And I was asking myself, what...why not? Why can't I? And I didn't have too much trouble supporting excluding casinos, and I didn't have very much trouble excluding the ethanol facilities. But those made perfect sense to me. Casinos, if they ever arrive, I don't think need those kinds of incentives. I think that we probably agree that the ethanol industry has a lot of our support and tax credit availability anyway, and so that's the rationale there. But when it comes to the packinghouse industry...and as some of you know, I have, the last couple of years, have felt quite passionate about trying to support the livestock industry in this state and not see that wander away or fall through the cracks on us, because I think it would have terrific negative implications to the rural parts of Nebraska and to the entire economy of Nebraska. Nearly 65 percent of our revenue in the ag sector is related to livestock. So I thought that this...even though I understand that the packinghouse business is a tough business, they've not always been good partners to work with, in fact, they've been, in some cases, horrible partners to work with, I still can't in principle single out an industry that is such a part of such a