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to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Landis, on the Bromm amendment.

SENATOR LANDIS: I was going to call the question, but Senator Erdman has been patiently waiting. He hasn't gotten into this fight and I've told him I'll give him my time if he'll consider calling the question after me. I would yield the rest of my time to Senator Erdman.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Erdman, you have almost five minutes, about four and a half.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator Landis, for your time. I arrived on the floor this morning, had a meeting downstairs, pressed my light, and an hour and forty minutes later here I am getting my chance to speak. So it's encouraging to know that there are so many people that are interested in talking about this issue, because I think this is an important issue for us as we kind of wade through this. The comments on the floor seem to be like we want this but we don't want that. We want the boxed beef, we want the good, top-of-the-line product, the high-value product, yeah, but we don't want to have the facilities in our state to produce those. The comment was made, well, we don't like slaughterhouses but we don't have a problem with boxed-beef facilities. I don't know how you get a cow into a box unless you have some type of slaughter facility. So from that standpoint, I think it's important that we do look at the big picture, and I applaud both of my colleagues from the urban setting, as well as those of us from rural Nebraska, about jumping into this. I distributed to the body an e-mail that was distributed to...or given to me by Family Quality Pork Processors. This, to me, is why we should adopt Senator Bromm's amendment. If you read through this, it talks about what it is they're trying to propose. Senator Jensen talked about some of the limitations that are in law. This is the way that you have to do it, and this is probably a good way to do it. In other words, if I'm a farmer, I'm raising pigs, in this situation I own the pigs. Now I have stock in the processing facility, and all those producers that have those