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set ourself up in the dairy industry. We used to have all these dairies, 14 processing facilities for dairy products in the state of Nebraska. Now we're down to one or two? And, yet, the idea was at the time, well, we've got all these facilities. Well, partly due to economics, some of those are no longer here. But the reality is if you can build the plant closer to the animal, it's probably cheaper to produce that and it probably is a better deal for those businesses. So for part of the discussion I think that Senator Raikes was going to get there with LB 608 as far as the slaughter plants, we are importing about 25 percent of the cattle that are slaughtered in the state of Nebraska, so there is a value to maintain that, but there's also a value in trying to grow the industry within the state. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Erdman. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Bromm has agreed to this amendment so there is not a great deal that I'm going to say on it other than to remind the body that it inserts the word "reasonable" at the point mentioned in the amendment so that it's clear. Well, to tell you where it is, on page 1, in line 15, after the word "seek" you would insert the word "reasonable," so the means that are going to be used to nurture and support the livestock sector are to be reasonable. The means are to be reasonable. I'm not going to discuss the intent language at this point because there's another matter that troubles me, but I don't see anybody on the floor who is on this bill. Is Senator Kremer here?

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Kremer, are you available for a question?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I think I see him coming, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Kremer, would you respond to a question from Senator Chambers?

SENATOR KREMER: I will try.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Kremer, if you will, I would