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floor understands me, if nobody agrees, I intend to do what I think is my responsibility as an elected official. Thank you, Mr. President.

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

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. President, members, simply briefly replying, I think, to the so-called reaction of producers seeking insurance, the dilemma is there, they'd already seen their values of...their net worth, if you will, or whatever measurements you want to use, the value of their product decline severely. And I'll...I don't...you can use lots of numbers, but you could usually conservatively say \$15 to \$20 a hundred. So in a typical critter, that...we'll use 1,000 pounds for easy figuring, there's \$150-\$200 value lost. So that isn't emotional reaction; that's reality. And that's still true today in the value of livestock that has suffered their decline in value and that, as a result, the producer has lost that result. And so when they sought to have insurance coverage, maybe it was panic, but it was only in reaction to the panic that already recurred...occurred in the value of their product on the market. That's serious. And if I can...the issue is that in agriculture, and I think it's true in some other businesses, is one of the few areas where that decline is immediately on that individual person. Other companies can lose value, but it does at least take some time before people lose their jobs, and so forth and so forth. But in agriculture or a business, small business, that impact is immediate, and it literally drives them out of business almost immediately. That's the difference. I call it an individual accountability or responsibility issue that we don't see in many other larger areas, because that's absorbed by the business or the corporation, if you will, not by individuals. But that's what's happening in agriculture and other small businesses. And it's happening in Fremont at this case, I...the processor. Through no fault of their own, those two companies have lost nearly all their business. They...literally overnight, they're out of business and have to do something else. And that's what's happening in a lot of the agriculture areas, particularly in the livestock areas today, because of the BSE. So it's not, I don't think, an overreaction