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from just having a Nebraska bank but as I pointed out to Senator Goodrich, I have no objection to anything that will make the bill more workable. We just wanted to try to avoid the practice which resulted in the loss of million of dollars in the recent instance and which could occur again. If you would like, I would be perfectly willing to try to draw an amendment that would meet your objections and I would place it on...I would promise to place it on on Select File.

SENATOR CLARK: Well, I certainly don't want to hurt the bill. That's not my intention here. I'd like to see these people get paid for this livestock when they sell it but you know we have a 15,000 head cattle operation in Sidney and we sell an awfully lot of it to Colorado so I would like to amend it that way and I would be glad to do it on Select File for you.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Senator Clark, now this is just for payment of the cattle. It is not for any other purpose, you know.

SENATOR CLARK: For what"

SENATOR SCHMIT: This bill applies to the requirement that the packer pay for the cattle with a check. It does not affect anything else.

SENATOR CLARK: I know.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes. OK, I will check with you again and try to work that out for you and place it on Select File, if you still have an objection.

SPEAKER BURBACH PRESIDING

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Keyes. For what purpose do you arise, sir?

SENATOR KEYES: Just a question of Senator Schmit.

SPEAKER: Senator Schmit, do you yield?

SENATOR SCHMIT: I yield.

SENATOR KEYES: Senator Schmit, what you are trying to do is absolutely 100% what needs to be done but whether we can do it, because I happen to have a very close association with a packing house in Coldwater, Michigan who comes to Omaha to buy cattle and is he going to have to put money in an Omaha bank to buy them or could he bring a certified check in and pay for them with that?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well as was pointed out, Senator Keyes, he can draw a specific agreement to other conditions in writing if he wants to and that would take care of this problem but the principal idea behind it is to cut down the float time but if someone were to come in, a steady customer of a packing house here in Nebraska and there was no question in regard to this, it could be done that way.

SENATOR KEYES: Well, if Iowa Beef Packers, I believe it is them that is going to set up this tremendously big commercial feedlot which will be operated under the name of the packing