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I am disappointed in one thing that's happened today on this floor. I can see where the proponents of the bill, and I don't mean the people in the Legislature, have not done their homework with the various chamber of commerce and things like that outstate. I understand this has terrific support, but I suppose they figured it was such a cinch that they didn't contact you people.

I think you should reject these amendments. If you want further time on this bill, to look it over a few more days, it's alright with me. It's not my bill. But to hold it on Select File for awhile until you can hear from your people or contact your chamber of commerce.... But if you get to messing with this bill you're liable to be sorry because you're liable to go home and find out all of a sudden that your chamber ... local chamber and people like that that are interested in developing your area with a payroll are going to be very disappointed in you, so think twice.

PRESIDENT: Senator Bereuter, you wish to be heard again on the matter?

SENATOR BEREUTER: Yes, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. If I'm able I'd like to try and bring you some of my experience with this program. I've worked with this program for a long time in the State of Nebraska. I've seen it working in surrounding states. We're wasting far too much time on this amendment to the amendment and on the amendment.

There have been, on several occasions, emergency meetings with representatives of state departments of economic development, called by the White House, called to consult specifically with the Internal Revenue Service. They have been concerned about the amount of bonds that are being sold on a tax exempt status because of industrial development. Over a period of time they've worked out a compromise that no single issue will be floated that is over \$3 million, or perhaps it's \$5 million now in size.

What you have before you, of course, is a Constitutional amendment. The place to handle the problems, that Senator Burrows and others are raising, about commercial feedlots is in writing the general law. That's the time you should prohibit that kind of use. You don't open the whole field up to every type of agricultural enterprise. If you do and you do it in Nebraska alone you're jeopardizing the IDA bond program for the entire nation. IRS is at the limit now. Legislation will be introduced if there are any further abuses, but the fact of the matter is some of the matters that Senator Goodrich is bringing to your attention, some of the examples, are currently being funded under IDA bonds and in the legitimate fashion in surrounding states. The question is do we write general law which will prohibit abuses to Nebraska agriculture, but still make us competitive with the State of Kansas and surrounding states on certain types of commercial enterprises not every type of commercial enterprise. What we're asking here for, I've not been an advocate but I can't stand to sit here and I can't sit here and let us waste this amount of time on some kind of ridiculous argument. The ridiculous argument is that we're opening up the world to the use of IDA bonds.