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SENATOR VICKERS: But I guess I was trying to understand the rationale in saying that this is a good idea for those large corporations able to do it, like in a city as I understand it, to create jobs. But if it is a family farm corporation wanting to build a farrow to finish swine operation, two or three jobs is not that unheard of, or \$100,000 is certainly not that unheard of, and for a small community in rural Nebraska two or three jobs can be just as important as twenty or thirty here in Lincoln. So I guess I am trying to understand what is the philosophy, what is the concept and why excluding...

SENATOR SIECK: Okay, the real rationale is, you have heard that this big feedlot or hog enterprise that is going up here on the Prudential Farms where they are going to have, I think it is 1600 sow operation. Well these are the things that are going to be very competitive with the farm group and we don't want this to happen, to give them the advantage of the small family farm. For instance, a 40 hog...sow operation would not get any benefit from this bill whatsoever.

SENATOR VICKERS: A 40 sow operation would not get any benefit?

SENATOR SIECK: Right.

SENATOR VICKERS: Why wouldn't it? If we only had 40 sows in a corporate farm and we expended \$100,000 and hired three people, whether it be for the 40 sow or not, wouldn't we...wouldn't that corporation then get the credit?

SENATOR SIECK: Yes, you would if you spent \$100,000, but are you going to spend \$100,000 for a 40 sow operation?

SENATOR VICKERS: If you build much of a finishing building, it wouldn't take too much.

SENATOR SIECK: I doubt whether you would, see, that is the rationale behind it, to keep the small farmer so he can continue to operate and....

SENATOR VICKERS: But it is your belief that if you don't get this amendment on, that this would apply then for, as you mentioned, a Prudential or some large corporation that wanted to put in a livestock feeding facility or something. Is that what you are saying?

SENATOR SIECK: It would just give them an advantage. That is all it would do.