

when they are doing so that they aren't offering more harm than they're offering good. That's why I support LB 243. I will make a case for putting nutritionists back in the bill on Select File. I don't want to hamper the passage right now. I hope you will listen to me at that point, but I support LB 243 and the advancement at this stage.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Hannibal. Next the Chair recognizes Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I think it's a little bit ironic that Senator Wesely, the Chairman of the Public Health Committee, would be opposed to trying to do something which would bring some reasonableness and some credibility to the area of nutrition. There isn't anything that impacts all of us more directly than adequate diet, adequate information and proper information on food and nutrition. We have seen an influx of improper information. We have seen people who in plain language, and I'm not an expert on quacks, I'll leave that up to Senator Wesely, but I will tell you this. We have seen too much of that and we're going to see more and I want to just suggest to those of us who have come from Nebraska where you produce the best, most high quality, most reliable support, supply of food of any state in the nation, we ought to be the ones who say we're going to do something to enforce adequate information about diet rather than to have the, I'm not going to say what I would like to say, rather than have the misinformed hand out misinformation to the public. I'd just like to point out a couple of things. We do a lot of conversation on this floor relative to what we can do to promote our industry. At the same time one adverse comment about red meat can do more to destroy the market for the 7 million cattle we have in this market in this state and the millions and millions of hogs, I think about 5 million hogs, than all we can do to counteract that. We've got a million eight hundred or nine hundred thousand cattle on feed and one person with an improper comment about red meat and how you ought to eat whole wheat or some other nonsense can destroy that market. Now I'm not saying anything about the rest of the adverse impact upon the individual diets, but I can tell you that in the last few weeks I have been exposed to people who have been convinced that they are on a crash improved diet and they're not eating well and they are doing so because people who do not have adequate training, who do not have adequate knowledge are giving them the wrong