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out of business because they can't get...they can't get bonded. The odor provisions in this bill, I thought DEQ was about water quality. Environment...the Environmental Protection Agency I think is concerned about air quality and we all know there's rumblings coming out of Washington about air quality. But water quality, yes, DEQ should definitely be...be concerned about that and we, as citizens of the state, should be. But I'm a little concerned about the odor provisions in this bill. Senator Bruning and I are circulating the front page of the newsletter of the Cattlemen's Association and you should see the list of their concerns there, so I urge you to take a look at it. I don't think LB 1209 is in...is in a form that we can pass today if...unless we want to really damage our livestock industry. I don't think that's what we want to do in this state. So I hope we have a reasonable compromise being worked out. And maybe this bill hit the floor a little too soon, I don't know, but I have great concerns about what might happen here if we don't watch what we're doing.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Willhoft announces that the following guests are visiting the Legislature today. Don and Janet Gillan are here from Denver, Colorado. They are seated under the south balcony. Will you both stand and be recognized, please. Welcome to the Nebraska Legislature. Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, Madam President and members, you know, I think everyone on the committee has tried to state that we tried to have concern for the industry and not harming the industry. Anyone who lives in Nebraska would want to do that. And when I talked about wanting to have reasonable fees, generally when I talk to people, even people within the industry, they agree. They say that they recognize that in a time when we are told about cutting our spending, what we're doing with our budget here at the state and we are willing to have a half a million dollars to increase the personnel at DEQ, where are we going to get the other half a million...or, no, the other million? I think that when it comes down to it, we would have a difficult time explaining as we ask any...any other business who, as a part of doing business, has to pay some part of a reasonable fee. When I introduced my bill, I said I don't care if you operate a restaurant, if you're a food handler, if you're a