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SENATOR BROMM: ...statutorily framed area of our law, and this adds. The section we're adding is sections...subsections (9) and (10) to eight sections that already say a manufacturer or distributor shall not require or coerce any new car dealer to do this or that and there's eight things listed there. So we're not really treading new ground in the area of motor vehicle franchise involvement. Should this happen in all other industries? My reaction would be probably not, but there are probably some farm machinery people who would feel that they would love to have a little bit more availability of dealers and have the convenience of having dealers closer to them, as those dealerships have been extinguished in a lot of cases too.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time. Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Hartnett on the Bromm amendment.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Mr. President, members of the body, Senator Bromm, I think I...you said that the dealers have the right to purchase within a particular line, but the manufacturer protector.... How does a dealer...I think you were talking about small dealers in Nebraska, what hammer do they have on the manufacturers to make them give them, you know, popular...? I think that's what you said, Senator Bromm. How...what's...what's the...?

SENATOR BROMM: As it stands now, Senator Hartnett, I don't think they have any hammer, and...

SENATOR HARTNETT: And will they with this legislation?

SENATOR BROMM: ...and this is intended to give them some leverage to say, look, the law says we're entitled to get this new model as well as long as we comply with all the requirements for servicing it, and that...this does give them some foot in the door on that.

SENATOR HARTNETT: But the deal...but the manufacturer could still refuse them or...or...but they have to follow the law. Could they...

SENATOR BROMM: Well, I think they...