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to the...that will give the people who are in desperate need of the funds the United States government has decided to give them, it will give them the best for their money. If we're going to have a cost inflicted upon...on our industry, it is also going to make the cost a little higher on food. That affects everyone. It lowers the amount of dollars that can be used for food. So it's a Catch-22 situation. With this amendment, five cents, and that's about as low as I think the industry can contract for, five cents compared to who knows what, we still aren't clear on what's going to...what is going to transpire. So I'm asking you, if you believe that the grocery industry in this state can handle something that they have done forever and ever, or would you like a department of the state of Nebraska to get involved...to get involved in this? Look at your track record, the track record of the grocers in this state and the track record of the Department of Health and Human Services. Are we going to run into another situation like we just experienced after the first of the year? I hope not. But if you will adopt this measure I believe that you will begin to understand how private industry can operate business better than the government can. I truly believe that, and I think you all should take the advice of someone who's been in the business for over 40 years. With that, thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: (Microphone malfunction) (inaudible).

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Chambers has requested to place the house under call. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 35 ayes, 0 nays to place the house under call, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The house is under call. Would all members please return to the Chamber and record your presence. The house is under call. Senator Bruning, Senator Bourne, Senator Hartnett, Senator Dwite Pedersen, the house is under call. Senator Stuhr, would you check in? Thank you. The question before the body is the adoption of the Janssen amendment. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record.