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this is what the Federal Government is going to say but I want to say that in Sarpy County we are going to give them the protection. When this EPA was put out, every farmer in the United States would have to get a permit to operate. Now we can, the Federal Government is going to say that those that feed over 700 cattle and so many hogs and so many chickens will have to get a permit, but all I'm trying to do in this is say that when you are a commercial cattle feeder, you will have the right to stay there and they cannot move you. The NTA will still have the same rules and regulations over you as he does for the farmer with 700 head of cattle. This is probably one of the best things that we can do for commercial cattle feeders in areas that are developing.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, let, let me, then I'll sit down. We've got feeders out in my country, feed as many as 40,000 head. I don't know how many you have. All I'm concerned about is--

SENATOR KEYES: We can make that look small.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Huh?

SENATOR KEYES: We can do just as well.

SENATOR CARPENTER: You must have been out in the feed lot recently then.

SENATOR KEYES: I've been in the feedlot, I know what it's like.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Some of that stuff stuck on you, but anyway, I'll look at the bill and I'll be sure that my county, my district is taken care of like yours is.

SPEAKER: Senator Snyder.

SENATOR SNYDER: Mr. President and Members of the Legislature. Senator Carpenter, in referring to Senator Keyes handout of a news article in which Senator or, correction, Representative Thone is quoted, has covered the figures that I wanted aired before the body. I would like to ask that the chairman of the Labor Committee before whose committee this bill was heard, would respond to what has already gone on here this morning and possibly help us clear this thing up in as big a hurry as we can.

SPEAKER: Senator Maresh. Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Senator Snyder, I believe this bill was heard before the committee on Agriculture and--

SENATOR SNYDER: I apologize.

SENATOR SCHMIT: --there is really very little difference in the makeup of the committees. Both of them have strong agricultural overtones, but I do think that in our committee we gave the bill a fair hearing. The bill is important to Senator Keyes and he has a very legitimate concern, I'm sure, in his area because of the urban growth that is developing in that area and I'm sure he felt that to properly define a commercial feedlot in the law, it might be helpful to the Department of Environmental Control as well as to those farmers and feeders who might be encroached upon by urban development. It was felt by the members of the committee that at the present time, we have the ability to determine a commercial facility without having it defined by statute and to define it by statute might work to the detriment of agriculture and we felt that it would be better to have, to leave it up to the Department of Environmental Control to determine what is really commercial feedlot and I concurred with this and I can sympathize with