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engrossing, final engrossing.

SENATOR SCHMIDT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I know we're debating 259 and you can rule me out of order if you so choose but it seems that we range rather far and wide on this debate so therefore I want to bring up one more point. There are a number of people in this body who have spoken on the issue. I'd like to call attention to a bill that is on the board now, LB 535, this bill does not become law July 1, the federal inspectors will be pulled out of Omaha and the Omaha Livestock Market for all purposes of interstate commerce will cease to exist because we need to provide the authority under this bill that the State can delegate and can designate inspectors for the Omaha Livestock Market. Now it's all right for the--I'm not going to say it, I was going to say the mischievous to lead the rest of us around but I think that we need to recognize that there comes a time when we have to face that responsibility that goes along with adjournment. And if we adjourn and there are several more bills up there which all of us are concerned about, that if we follow through with this procedure, advance 259, we first of all advocate our responsibility in the area of appropriations and I know the budget committee has worked a long while on that and there are some others who have some ideas on it. I'm willing to forgo my wishes in that area but if we in our haste to get out of here refuse to recognize that there are some bills which need to be acted upon and the first of July rolls around and we run into serious problems, there will be a lot of us farmers that are irrigating corn that are going to be called back to a special session. Again Senator Carpenter can come down from Scottsbluff and he'll be in full charge again but it's going to be a little difficult for some of the rest of us to get back. I prefer to take the job in course, do it responsibly the way we have set out to do and I hope that it is in line with the thinking of the majority of the people and I join Senator Chambers in asking you to take a long hard look at this thing because you can still correct it and it's not the firsttime I've been in strange company Senator Carpenter and it probably won't be the last but I would hope that you would take a long hard look at it and when you vote it recognize what you're doing.

PRESIDENT: Next to speak was Senator Keyes, then Senator Cavanaugh, then Senator Proud, Mahoney, Senator Duis for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, I believe that we're on Select File and I think the proposition of adjournment and everything else is a different question entirely and I would suggest we go back to Select File.

PRESIDENT: Well, the chair is in concurrence, Senator Duis, and I presume that the body must realize the difficulty in which the chair finds itself because we are debating 259 and possible adjournment and it seems like the two issues have become interrelated and I have tried to indicate what I thought the motion was this morning as regards to General File and I agree with you. I would like to go back to the question which confronts us now and I have stated it twice already and that is that we are debating whether we should advance 259 from Select File or not and that's the question which is before the body. Shall it be advanced to E & R for engrossing? Now I presume most of the argument should be either for or against that motion. Does that help? Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Yes, sir, and I agree with you wholeheartedly. Let's dispose of this question. Then if you desire a question on adjournment, that can come at any time.