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PRESIDENT: You'd better get that motion up here to us in writing then because it will have to be considered separately. Senator Keyes, did you wish to be heard on the issue? Just a second, we'll get you.

SENATOR KEYES: Is it possible to ask Senator Rasmussen a question now about this bill?

PRESIDENT: Sure, go ahead. Senator Rasmussen, will you yield?

SENATOR KEYES: Yes, who have you gotten clearing from this from?

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Clearance, I dont...

SENATOR KEYES: Yes, I mean, who approves of this amendment? Have you gotten this from the Department of Agriculture or anybody like that?

SENATOR RASMUSEN: Richard, did the Ag Department go along on that?

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Yes, I'm sure they have no objection to this.

SENATOR KEYES: Well, now when you talk about meat extension, all bologna, all summer sausage, all weinies, all mixed meats like that have not only what we call meat but they have sodium solphate I believe it is, they have soybean meal, they have a certain amount of flour, so that would mean that all weinies, all lunch meat, all bologna, all of these things according to the Department of Agriculture and I've been up there when they've mixed this and made thousands and thousands of pounds, tons of it, these people are going to have to put this in a separate case. All I want you to do, I'm in favor with what you're doing, but I want you to make sure that you're not going to make this man take his weinie, his bologna and put it up and say how much per cent of soybean flour is in it or this stuff. Now I think you'd better check this real close because what you are trying to do is good. When you go into Swanson food and when you go into Blue Star, all of the product that is made and sold to ADC, to the Agriculture Department Commodities, these all have what we call additives that are not meat and I'm not so sure what you're trying to do is possible but if it is I'm all for you. Don't get, don't get our packing house industry and our processes of meat mixed up so they can't operate.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Would you care to respond to that, Senator Rasmussen?

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: It's not our intention to bother your packing houses, Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: What?

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: It's not our intention to bother your packing houses. I think Senator Keyes already as far as these weiners that you're talking about, you picked those out, I think it states in there, isn't it, that there is a filling besides meat?

SENATOR KEYES: No, it's not written on the package.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Probably be a good idea if it was.

SENATOR KEYES: They do contain--well, you're going to make it awfully, awfully hard for the processors and handlers of meat if they have to take and put their weiners in a counter