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Now all it does, the intent as far as Senator Goodrich is talking about it makes the delivered price on these products the same, whether it is the same in Omaha, North Platte, or any other place. It puts every dealer on the same basis of competition. Now as I said that there are few hogs in Omaha and I use the word advisably who want to cut everybody else's throat. Including everybody outside of the city of Omaha because they want to draw them into Omaha under the that they are buying something much less there, many times they are. If they bought it in the home town. This is a simple understandable bill and if it is as bad as Senator Goodrich says it will have no force in effect any way so then he should not have any concern about it. I hope that you will reject all of the amendments and put it on final reading and you will be contacted by the dealers of this state if they don't want it to happen.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: I thought that I would like to make a few comments since I have discussed this with Senator Goodrich and I do believe that he made at least one mis-statement and I'm not sure that he understands the bill. The 15% mark-up is in the bill. Senator Goodrich seems to be a little bit confused between subsection 29 and a...a..of the definition and section five of the bill, which relates to cost and cost is defined with a 15% mark-up so that provision is in the bill as it is currently amended and as we are currently addressing ourselves too. I also have to say that I agree with Senator Goodrich regarding the transportation. We did try and strike transportation out and he offered an amendment on General File to strike the transportation charge at that time and it was defeated. Now I will have to oppose the bill if the transportation remains in there. It appears that the body is still willing to keep the transportation charge and the transportation charge does not serve the people of the eastern section of the state of Nebraska. It would only serve to benefit of the extreme western end and about 1/3 or 1/4 of the population, to the detriment of 2/3 of the population. That to me just does not seem like something the people who represent those 2/3 people should be supporting. Now if we could separate it and if Senator Carpenter's position of the past, and I don't know if he has changed it but he would not support the 15% if the transportation was struck. I presume that that is still his position and if it is, we seem to be at a dead-lock. I think that Senator Goodrich has a motion up there.

CLERK: Motion on the desk Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Read the motion.

CLERK: Read motion.

PRESIDENT: Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, members of the legislature, as Senator Barnett suggested I drafted an amendment that would make the bill conducive where I could live with it. This is exactly what I have done with sections 6, 7, 8 are the three sections that deal with transportation costs of the bill and I would suggest that if we strike these three sections the rest of the bill, if there is sufficient percentage of merchandise that a retailer will sell is not distress merchandise and the