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I think that they are highly important and I think that the Clerk might just as well read them. I hope that you will pay attention to its content.

CLERK: Read amendment.

(end belt #12)

(start belt #13)

PRESIDENT: You heard the reading of the amendment. Senator DeCamp had his light on first. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Go ahead Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I move for the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Motion is to adopt the amendment. Any discussion?

SENATOR CARPENTER: Mr. President, this is a highly important amendment as amended, bill as amended. It gives the attorney general of the state of Nebraska great powers in order of the area of subpoena and to bring about and represent people from the standpoint of all types and kinds of anti-trust actions. It provides for example that he has the power of subpoena and he has the power to require the compliance and the cooperation of every area of sub-division of government and its citizens. It also allows him for example the court to give triple damages and things of that nature. Now I would be the last one to say that this will solve all of our problems. But it is the first step and it is the only thing that is before this body which will allow the investigation and the precluding of the information determined if these things are in the category of the are against the general public interests. This is the only thing that we can do. SENATOR Schmit has held hearing after hearing and had great numbers of people in and they all have a legitimate complaint but there is nothing that he nor anyone else can do without the imposition of this bill in the law of the state of Nebraska. I move for its adoption.

PRESIDENT: Next to speak is Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DE CAMP: I'll wait until after you have adopted the amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nore.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President, fellow members, I think that most of you know that I have in the last few years have been preaching the doctrine that we need to enforce laws...a...antitrust laws. Now we are coming to a crisis in the area within a trust. The reason that I am rather adamant about this is that in my business experience, as a livestock provisioner for the most of the packing houses in this country, one of the things that they fear most is anti-trust laws. Having dealt with the top buyers we know that there has been collusion it is impossible to prove, but we are always warned to be very careful because this is extremely unlawful and if nothing else, we are going to put the fear of God into some of these large combines of trust who are interlocked with stock and I think that it is one of the....it is really so important that it could be cause of the failure of this great democracy of ours. I think that