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SENATOR STULL: I move the E & R amendments to LB969 be adopted.

PRESIDENT: You've heard the motion to adopt the amendments to LB969. All those in favor say aye. Those opposed say no. Back to the Clerk.

CLERK: Now, Mr. President, there are amendments offered on LB969. Offered by Senator DeCamp. The amendments are as found on page 1080 of the Legislative Journal. They were offered, I believe, on General File withdrawn and now offered on Select File.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator DeCamp.

CLERK: They're found on page 1080 of the Legislative Journal. LB969.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp, what is your pleasure regarding your amendments to LB969 on Select File?

SENATOR DE CAMP: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. Is that the personal property tax bill there?

PRESIDENT: Stand by.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Is that Senator Clark's bill?

PRESIDENT: Yes. Check.

SENATOR DE CAMP: Okay. My amendments are relatively simple but somewhat significant. My amendments would provide a complete exemption for livestock beginning next year on personal property tax in the event -- and only in the event -- that our existing personal property tax became inoperative for some reason or other. And the reason I'm proposing the amendment is because I believe, and I think this later will be proved that existing personal property tax may be declared unconstitutional. And in that case, the personal property tax that we had fought so long to get here will be lost for Nebraskans and we would have money available that would just go back into the General Fund that would not be serving the purpose it should. Which is personal property tax relief. And this amendment, as I say, would become operative only in the event that the existing personal property tax law became unconstitutional or inoperative for some reason and would provide relief to livestock and then later on in future years, we could solve the rest of the personal property tax problem. The place where our personal property tax relief is needed right now the most is, of course, the livestock industry and this would probably be the best thing we could do for the livestock industry in Nebraska.

PRESIDENT: First to speak on the DeCamp proposal amendment is Senator Clark, then Senator Syas and Senator Whitney. Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: Mr. President and members. I think it's very commendable we'd like to take all this tax off of livestock except I don't want it on my bill. That's going to kill the bill. I don't think anyone's going to vote in here for taking the tax off of livestock only. While I know our livestock industry is in bad shape, I still don't want it on this particular bill. I'd have to oppose the