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amendment going onto my bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Syas, then Senator Whitney, then Senator Waldron.

SENATOR SYAS: Well, I agree with Senator Clark. If this bill is...if...that we pass declared unconstitutional, you shouldn't just single out one industry. There's other industries that are just as needed...need this personal tax relief. How about the hog raiser for instance. The sheep raise....jeepers creepers....this doesn't make sense. Of course, Senator DeCamp, this is the usual thing. He's running for re-election and I...I say this might go over big in his area but I think it's not a sound program at all.

PRESIDENT: All right, Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I'm going to oppose the DeCamp amendment to this bill. This is Senator Clark's bill and he should have a right in my judgment since he has an excellent bill there to try to get his bill passed and I'm certain as I can be that this bill would not pass with this amendment were put on. Therefore, I agree with Senator Clark. Now, with reference to the livestock, obviously Senator Syas, livestock includes pigs, cattle, and sheep. So that's not an argument. But in my judgment, we should leave this alone. Pick out some other bill and put it on if he wants to try this out.

PRESIDENT: Senator Waldron. Then Senator Mahoney.

SENATOR WALDRON: No response.

PRESIDENT: Speaking on the DeCamp amendment to LB969 on Select File.

SENATOR WALDRON: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I rise in support of Senator DeCamp's amendment. As you know, when the first personal property tax exemption was introduced, my bill would have done precisely what Senator DeCamp is trying now to do. And I wished at that time he would have supported it. But the thing of it is, livestock is basic to the economy of the State of Nebraska. This should be done regardless of what happens to our present laws. And presently if our present law is declared unconstitutional which I doubt, this should be enacted. But regardless of what the...what happens to the present law, we should enact the total exemption of livestock from personal property tax and should have years ago.

PRESIDENT: Next to speak is Senator Mahoney. Mr. President, and members. That's the third time this morning I've rapped for a little bit of order. Now, would you please try to hold down the noise? Senator Mahoney has the floor.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Mr. President, and members. This is the eleventh hour attempt of Senator DeCamp to take a bill and completely change the meaning in it. It is a bad practice. We had this before us on Wednesday when Johnny....Senator DeCamp used the same method to move over some bills and we found some of his bills were part of them. This is a bad amendment. This will change the complete meaning and destroy Senator Clark's good bill. This is something we should watch today.....

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