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restaurants and food dispensing establishments, but there have been changes in that industry, and since the change has been made, it warrants an adjustment in the present statute. Now originally when food was provided to restaurants and food dispensing establishments, it was done on a day to day basis to meet the needs of that establishment, but as technology has advanced and we find larger and larger restaurants and establishments dispensing food, we find that they can accommodate more and more of the types of products that we are attempting to include in the Uniform Commercial Code with this amendment. Many of these large restaurants now have storage facilities, lockers for beef, also frozen storage areas for products such as vegetables, sea foods, and if you've shopped at the grocery store recently, you find that the cost of these items, beef, particularly, the last time that I purchased some sirloin strips, I found that they were approximately \$4.00 a pound. Well, the number that are used and dispensed in restaurants, you will know that there is considerable inventory that is involved there. I would also, if any have purchased frozen sea foods recently, say that I was shocked to find that three to four ounces of crab meat is running four to five dollars. So I don't think that it is a case that we should dwell with antiquity because the Commercial Code was adopted and excluded these individuals. I think that we have to look at it contemporarily and see that there have been changes in the industry and that the change that is proposed is a good one and would be acceptable and not be injurious of diluting or altering the present code. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Keyes and then Senator Johnson. Senator Keyes, you have the floor.

SENATOR KEYES: Yes, whenever you start getting into my bivouac which deals with handling of meat products of which I happened to be a part of for some twenty years, I would like to ask Senator Stoney to explain to me what he is trying to do in this bill with the purveyors of meat?

SENATOR STONEY: Senator Keyes, what is being attempted here with LB 36 is to provide that those individuals that sell meat to restaurants and establishments that dispense food, that they be listed at the time this business is going to be sold or if they go out of business as a creditor because they have tremendous inventories and tremendous dollar