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perhaps they might buy the bank or the loan company that you have your money borrowed from and they're going to have you without even trying. That's our big problem, as I see it. But when you put a restriction on who can own land, and who can farm it, and how it can progress through a family, or to the hands of a different owner, you get into a lot of complications. The first effect that we have from LB 190 is that, gee, that would be great, we could sure control this thing, and we'd have all our families back on the farms and we'd stay that way, and we wouldn't have any problems, but I don't believe that's what happens if you really study the bill. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Venditte.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I rise to support LB 190 and its being brought to the floor of the Legislature. I just have a couple of comments to make, and we had heard earlier Senator Chambers complaining to the farmers here on the floor of the Legislature, and those in the balcony, how they have gouged the pocketbooks of the American people in the supermarket. You know, Senator Chambers, there is no one that likes to eat probably better than I. I know that prices in the supermarkets certainly have gone up, but you know, there is nothing I can buy in the supermarket today that costs as much as a haircut. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Mr. Speaker and Senator Venditte, if I had hair that cost that much I'd have it trained so it didn't grow. Ladies and gentlemen, I want to talk to you just a few minutes about this bill, and I want one question answered by somebody on the floor of the Legislature, and I would prefer that it be Senator Burrows. Everybody here knows that I am a capitalist. I believe in the capitalist system one hundred percent. I don't believe in controlling it beyond what needs are absolutely necessary. This system of farming has been good to my grandparents, my parents, myself and it will be good to my children, but I'm thinking one thing that we are going to do if Senator Burrows' bill comes out, and we are going to tell me...tell me that the land that I own, the land that my family have worked for, the land that we own, we cannot choose who will purchase our land. If Senator Schmit comes and offers me two thousand dollars an acre for my land, Senator Burrows, and General Motors offers me five thousand dollars an acre, am I to sacrifice the capitalist system to permit General Motors not to buy...to say General Motors cannot buy my land, that I have to sell it to Senator Schmit, and lose three thousand dollars an acre? If we are going to enter in and curb the incentive and the ability of