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SPEAKER MARVEL: That is what the motion is. Okay, Senator Keyes, do you wish to speak to the committee amendments?

SENATOR KEYES: Well, really, I don't exactly know what the committee amendments are doing. If you are going to tell Wilson, and I spent several years at Wilson Packing Company, if you are going to tell them how to make summer sausage, how to make blood sausage, how much water and how much smoke to put in their hams, then you just as well take over the business. There isn't a man on the floor of this Legislature or a woman that wants to get the state government or the federal government into private enterprise any more, and if you start telling them how they are going to make their ham, bless you, you are going to be in a lot of trouble. Now if you want to know how much foreign meat comes into the United States do it on the wholesale level, that is the way to do it. Not trying to tell how much they are putting in every can of Swanson's vegetable soup, how much of that meat that is in there is foreign and how much of it is domestic beef. No, I can tell you this much, if you want to stop the influx of meat into the United States from foreign countries, if you want to make us users of American produced beef, this is certainly not the way to do it. I am in favor of using American produced beef. There is one...two ways of doing it. We will do just exactly like the dockworkers are doing. We won't load any ships for Russia. We won't accept any meat into this United States. When it comes to Wilson Packing Company, I have seen truckload after truckload of beef sit there and not move until the boss come out and forced the worker to take it because he says I don't handle foreign beef unless I am specifically told to do so. So it would be a very good idea here to do something like that but not try to limit and tell us how we are going to manufacture. We have got all the controls on business we need. Kill this bill and let's get on to something that is really good for the state.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The Chair recognizes Senator Wagner.

SENATOR WAGNER: Mr. Speaker, I have got a question for Senator Merz.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Merz, do you yield?

SENATOR MERZ: Yes.

SENATOR WAGNER: Senator Merz, this is a...essentially the