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SENATOR LAMB: Is your amendment aimed at any potential paunch manure site? Is this under consideration at this time?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Yes, but it does not do anything to the paunch manure that we have within a few blocks of the area that the proposed rendering plant is going to be in. It does nothing, it does not close down the one we have now. I think it is on 27th Street and this one, the rendering plant would go on 35th.

SENATOR LAMB: I appreciate the fact that you are supportive of agriculture and I am assuming then that this amendment will not unduly hamper the packing plants in Omaha, the livestock marketing provisions that are provided in Omaha. Is that true?

SENATOR LABEDZ: That is right. We already have, Senator Lamb, three rendering plants now that are operating in the area. We also have a paunch manure plant operating in the area in addition to all the packing plants. The proposed rendering plant would certainly be an added detriment to the odors that we already have.

SENATOR LAMB: Thank you. With that explanation I would certainly support the amendment by Senator Labeledz.

PRESIDENT: All right, Senator Labeledz, you may close on your amendment.

SENATOR LABEDZ: I really don't have too much of a closing. I will waive most of it but I do want to say that we have now the south Omaha Industrial Tract Site and that is near where the rendering plant will be built. In no way will any new business come into the area and buy any part or lease any part of that land to build new businesses. South Omaha is very proud of what we have done in the past with the federal grants that we have been receiving to revitalize south Omaha. Putting another rendering plant there will just hamper any new business that we are attempting now to put on the south Omaha Industrial Tract Site. As you know, the south Omaha Technical Community College was built on this site. It is beautiful buildings. We are very proud of them. We are proud of the packing plants. We know that they are our bread and butter. We are not saying or doing anything to hamper their operation. In fact, we are very sorry to see two or three of the big major plants that closed in the past. What we are saying is that we don't want another rendering plant in the area and we are hoping that new business that will provide jobs