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amendment. Here I think is a good example of a law that is really not good for all the people but we have now powerful interest groups coming in and making the point strongly that the law is not good for their people. It is not good for labor unions. It is not good for farm organizations and farm meetings. The danger can be seen there but what about all the other people that don't have the lobbyists to come in here and argue their interest? Isn't the danger there to them too? Now we switch and we look and we say, what is the purpose of the organization that might suffer and we look at labor and we say that that is a good purpose so maybe we want to get them out or we look at farm organizations and we say, well that is a good purpose. So maybe we want to get them out. But is it our job to judge the purpose of the meeting or the organization that might suffer because of this kind of a law? I think not. I think it is our job to see whether it is a good law that should apply equally to all or to none and if you are going to exempt anybody I think you should exempt everybody. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cope, then Senator Venditte.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President, members, I guess I would reiterate exactly what Senator Beutler said. Here we have an amendment to exclude labor unions, another one coming up, farm organizations. Is there any reason in the world how we can legitimately exclude any organization if we do this? We are just pulling the teeth out of the bill without any doubt about it. The bill is dead if we open up one more organization to be excluded.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Venditte. The question has been called for. Do I see five hands? Okay, shall debate cease? All those in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record the vote.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, debate ceases. Senator DeCamp, do you wish to close on your amendment?

SENATOR DE CAMP: Yes, Mr. President. Senator Beutler and Senator Cope, you forget the most fundamental thing. We already have laws on the books that recognize the thing called labor unions that give them specific and special picketing rights, standards on how to do it, so on and so forth. For you then to say we are excluding them is simply not factual. What we are doing is saying, these laws we have given you. These standards we have