

understand the process and the procedure on double jeopardy now, which before in the past very few people really realize, the farmers and the buyers, really realized what was going on. This will clarify it and make everybody much more aware of what is going on. I think it is, basically, a good amendment. It is a good amendment to the bill. My good amendment is a good amendment to DeCamp's amendment. I urge its passage.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, and particularly Senator Chambers, I would like to point out, as has been pointed out, this is a serious situation for a number of years. Agriculture products are different. Might I relate to you particular cases in Nebraska and Iowa where they have had to pay, a grain elevator has had to pay for grain twice, if you think \$70,000 doesn't upset the budget, or \$105,000, or \$40,000. That is simply, Senator Chambers, the idea of this bill I'll relate to livestock, as Monford and Company, you not only sell livestock in Lexington, but you may haul that livestock down to the Omaha markets, or you could even go to Kansas City with that livestock. Again, it is somewhat impossible for these small auctions to do their homework and to know, even if a lien was on file, if that was a mortgaged product. I know that the farmer should not sell it. The problem has been the penalty has been so steep that the livestock auctions and so on would not file charges against the farmer. This is a very good amendment. Hopefully a problem that has been longstanding, and that this will, with the amendments, do the best that we can. Again, if I were a banker I would not loan money unless I had first lien on these products.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, I would like to also support the amendment. The amendment does have some importance because, remember, we are changing the system. Every single time a farmer walks into one of these places to market his products this issue of double jeopardy is looming before him and before the person on the other side of the counter. It has almost become a I'm afraid of you, Mr. Farmer, and don't know whether I can trust you, and yet I don't want to alienate you by asking if you are a thief. On the same issue then the farmer he feels like I can't even market my