

times when you get yourself in a position where you are limited in your budgets that maybe that is the time to look to see where you might need to do a little investment spending to generate more income so that you could tax. I want to tell you exactly what happens if you vote for this Vickers amendment. If you vote for this Vickers amendment, you are eliminating the federal government as a partner if we decide to do it, if it potentially possible. If you vote against the Vickers amendment, you are not committing yourself to doing anything in the future. You are committing yourself to look at it to see if you want to do it. I'll tell you that the industry out there wants to do it. They don't want to do it because it will be a feather in their bonnet, it will be monies that they will get directly, but it will help them in their industry and they recognize that. They are willing here, legislative body, they are willing here to put down \$100,000 of their own hard earned cash to do it with no state appropriations, and we are sitting here not allowing them to take a look at it with the federal government as a partner. I think we should give them the opportunity to look at it. It is all their money that they are spending. Yes, we are committed to it in the future if we decide to do it, but we ought to give them the chance to look at it. We ought to give the industry, the people that put up the \$100,000, and they didn't come from one lump sum check, they came from fellows producing \$15 a month sending in towards this issue. I think we should give them the chance to look at it. It is no skin off the state's back I can tell you that. There is no commitment. I would urge you to vote against this amendment, to accept the amendment as it was originally proposed. It costs no state money. There will be no state money spent in the future unless this legislative body decides to do it.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Sieck, then Senator Hall. Senator Sieck.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President and members of the body, I do not support Vickers amendment. The livestock feeders across the State of Nebraska have decided that the livestock industry is very, very important to the state. I'm sure Senator Vickers is aware of this. But we have many ranches now that are empty of cattle. The grass is growing but no cattle because of the situation we are in today. We've got to change that around. The livestock people feel...and they are taking their hard earned dollars and putting them in