

forth. And as I read it, through my skimming process, it seems as though the Export Finance Board is exactly that, it is a finance board and a board can, in effect, make loans, can make loans to assist in the export business in our state. So it is more than a conversational operation. It just struck me in the end that probably this was not a real good measure to put through on consent calendar.

PRESIDENT: Senator Harris.

SENATOR HARRIS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I voted for this bill, getting it out of committee. I'm not going to speak very long. I urge you to advance this bill for one purpose. I have been working with the University of Nebraska and some other folks on the concept that we need to concentrate on red meat exports. We have a red meat factory in the State of Nebraska. All of our state is geared up for that. And the State of Iowa has made some moves forward in this area that I think we need to take a look at, need to incorporate into our system, and that is where we get into the active promotion of red meat exports. I plan to have an amendment. I haven't visited with Senator Pappas about this. But I plan to have an amendment to do such a thing. We're not talking about \$10 million. But we are talking about exporting the only product where we have the comparative advantage. Those of us who took the trip to Taiwan noticed that their beef is not cheap, and yet they have the open market for the beef from the United States and they are getting most of their beef from Australia. They are open to the idea of having more red meats from the United States, but we need to get into that market and promote it. Again, we have a red meat factory. We need to plug in a mechanism for us to do that for our state and for the Midwest. So I urge you to advance the bill and let's try to amend it on Select File. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Vickers. Seven minutes and 30 seconds have elapsed.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, I just want to point out to the body that this is one of the examples of the dangers of consent calendar. I don't know about the rest of you, but I was involved with the committee hearings yesterday afternoon. I didn't get a chance to really go through the consent calendar bills. But we've got a bill here on consent calendar with a \$10 million price tag on it.