

he really was for me and we misunderstood. It is right, he is absolutely right. It is simply a turf war and economic protectionism where one group, one group wants to cut another out of business. Okay, now let me tell you where I come from on that argument. That is okay, if one group can get their votes mustered together and cut out the other one, unfortunately, that is the way of life here. But they didn't get it done in a fair manner. It was all an accident last year, accident, the Ag Committee didn't intend it nor did anybody else. It was an accident, therefore, it is only fair to put everybody back at the starting line where they were and say, okay, now you can go back and try to cut each other's throat next year in the Legislature, but, at least, put them back to where they were on a fair basis. Then Senator Morehead said, these grain warehouses are losing hundreds of thousands and that is true. These grain warehouses are this, these grain warehouses are that. Somebody didn't tell my good friend, Senator Morehead, this doesn't apply at all to grain warehouses, not at all. It applies strictly to these independent truckers and farmers, located all over Nebraska whose things have been prepared by years by both CPAs and the other accountants. They have been prepared forever in exactly that system. All I am doing is restoring it to before the error in the bill occurred last year, or I should say, all I am doing is what the committee amendments are doing. They are not my amendments, obviously, they are the committee amendments. I am offering the additional amendment here. But then the other argument, the other argument that was raised, well, I forgot what it was, but anyway I think you should put them back on an even turf where they were before this all started. Cutting the one group out was done strictly by accident, wasn't intentional. If they are going to be cut out, let it be done in a fair manner and I urge you to adopt the amendment here that strengthens it even further, if you would, and then also the committee amendments. And, oh, yes, yes, now I remember, I want to tell you something that will surprise you since this addresses one of the arguments raised by Senator Morehead. She said the CPAs really, I think in effect she said, the CPAs are the only ones that really are qualified to do this. If you will check with the Public Service Commission, you will discover, I think you will discover that when the CPAs started doing this now 50 percent of all the ones they turned in had to be returned because they were done wrong. I'm not saying they don't take time to learn but since the system was working pretty good before they introduced this new element, it doesn't seem unreasonable to return to a system that was working. I urge you to adopt the amendment and then adopt the committee amendments.