

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President, members of the body, to me this is a very important resolution. I want to thank Senator Vickers for bringing it forward. But, as Senator Carsten said, we have to work together with the other states. It is very important that we have a tremendous impact upon our administration because it is serious. It is very serious out there. I can assure you that I lay awake at night thinking what can we do. This is the only thing that I can think of. It sort of reminds me of back in '29. The same thing is happening to us if we don't get with it. The banks started closing and that is what is happening to us today. The only difference is that the depositors are insured and the people who own the money in the bank are pressed to pay for it. It was exactly the reverse at the time we had the bank closures back in the 30s, in '29. I also would like to encourage every individual, every senator, to visit with your farm groups when they come, especially like the other day when a coalition came here. It does those groups good to know that their senator is supporting them. They have good feeling about it. I tell you they really need it. They need that support. Just that you are there and knowing that you are thinking about them is very helpful. That is a tremendous stress to these individuals at the present time. I notice that we, the last week in January, we have a recess. If we could get this thing moving and move at that time, that is absolutely necessary. We need to get there as quick as we can because they are setting policies, they are organizing and telling us what they are going to do. I know there is a lot of debate at the present time. We need to get to that bureaucracy and tell them that we are hurting, not only because some of us are losing our farms, are losing our occupation, but also that many of us are not getting the proper return for what we produce. It is hurting all of us. It is hurting the State of Nebraska as far as tax income. We all are willing to pay taxes, but the time has come when it is very, very difficult. As far as a body, I would encourage the whole body to go. I think that would be even better. So I would want the 20 to stay in, not the 10, because we need to go there with an impressive body. If the whole midwestern states go as a group I am sure that we are going to be impressive and we can make some changes. I urge you to support this resolution. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Sieck. Senator Harris, are