

PRESIDENT: Senator Nelson, please, then Senator Moore.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I, too, feel like both Senator Johnsons. We've gone over this issue time and time again. I think Senator Schmit, some of the others, have gone over it longer and harder than I have. We have before us, as we say, three issues. I think for this body the first place is, business trust is only the sneaky way to go around. It is the same thing as a corporation and I agree with...we can argue the merits of it, we can argue the price in farm ground, we can argue the number of cattle on feed, and it is about like the bible. I could take any verse out of the bible and probably make out of it whatever we want to make out of it. I think I have passed out to you farmland price trends. You will see that when we get west of Nebraska, compare it with Montana, Wyoming, Colorado or so on, that really doesn't make any water with us. We know what the problem is in the economy, it is the price of that grain, it is not the price of Initiative 300, whether it did or didn't have anything to do with our situation, and I'm sure it had very little to do with it, but that is an arguable point. I think for the body today to turn right around and try to circumvent what the people voted on, the problem with the petition drive last summer is the people wanted Initiative 300 done away with. They would have supported the petition drive and I think all of you know exactly how successful that was. So, again, we're back here for a very minority interest. One other thing just for the record, I happened to notice April 1st, 1987, Iowa Register. The House in Iowa voted Tuesday to restrict corporate ownership of farmland in states 63-21 and to limit holdings further of nonfamily farm corporations, and that was to 1,500 acres. So even though Iowa has had a corporate farming law, you can see that they are strengthening their law instead of trying to do away with it. So, with that, I will not make any more comments because this is an ongoing problem, but I can't see how that this body, in all fairness, should turn right around and, without any proof or anything else, try to do away with what the people have very definitely voted for.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Moore, please, then Senator Pappas.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. President, members of the body, I, too, rise to support Senator Vard Johnson's kill motion as I co-signed the measure with him, and I must say it is nice to have some company at this stage of debate. When this bill came up on General File, Senator Nelson and myself were the only two to vocal