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SENATOR KREMER: For the record only, I want to respond to the letter that was just read by Mr. Brown, coming from our Department of Agriculture, I am somewhat inclined to go along with the policy of the administration in attempting to control inflation, but I'm somewhat in disagreement with the third paragraph in the communication, or the fourth one rather, whereby they point out that through the efforts of the administration we have been successful they say in raising the income of Agriculture something over eighteen billion dollars, but at the same time and this is what I want to talk about, at the same time, they are at this time calling in almost all reserves of feed grains, including 1972, grains that are stored on the farms, and in our elevators, and I can only see one thing, is going to happen, because of this, that is to hammer down the present prices that have allowed agriculture to enjoy for the first time for a long time a profit in their operation. I can not see how they are consistent in saying that we have been successful in raising farm income and at the same time taking a position to market the grain that they have on hand to hammer down the prices, that's what's going to happen. Now the second thing that is going to happen if we have several years of severe drouth or anything of that nature, we are going to face one of the greatest shortages in this country that we have ever experienced. So as a point of personal privilege and for the record, I object to what they are saying here what they have been successful in raising farm income and at the same time they are adopting a policy that is going to accomplish just the exact opposite of that. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER: Thank you Senator Kremer. The Chair recognizes Speaker Proud.

SENATOR PROUD: Mr. President, I should explain to Senator Keyes, that just before we convened this morning, the Clerk showed me the letter and asked me whether it should be printed in the journal and I merely glanced at it and noting that it was from the office of the President, and concered a resolution, and I said as far as I'm concerned it's alright to print it. I have no comments one way or another, on the letter, I hadn't even read it, if anybody objects to that as far as I'm concerned, you can not print it in the journal, I don't think it makes much difference, but if anybody wants to write something up in opposition to it or any other way, they can feel free as far as I'm concerned to put it in the journal.

SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Well Mr. President, as Senator Kremer has talked this morning I too do not agree 100% with this, and if it becomes possible I would like to have the legislature discuss this, I think it should be in the journal, should have time to read it, and then if it is important that we give our opinion, I think everybody that wishes to talk on it should be permitted. But to come and put it in the journal as a full acceptance of this legislature without a debate certainly is not what I had in mind.

SPEAKER: The Chair recognizes Senator Nore, for what purpose do you rise Senator?

SENATOR NORE: For the same purpose, Mr. President and fellow members, I'd like to object. Certainly I'm registered Republican but I think the administration are out to break the back of the farmer, as we know it, and I think it is time that everyone else knows it, and there is an old saying so goes the U. S. Steel so goes the nation, I think it's probably true in Agriculture too. We have a planned recession ahead of us.