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Several members of this body here have worked quite some-time with the Department of Agriculture to hold back the shipment of commodity gra--stored grain and they have been unsuccessful. They've contacted Washington, D.C. and they contacted Kansas City but in this instance there seems to be a reasonable, a reasonable amount of faith put in or feeling that the Department of Agriculture could be persuaded otherwise and as Senator Kremer indicated, this is many, many dollars to many people, to our agriculture, to those people who want to comply with the Federal Government programs and wish, wish to and then because of a decision made by the individual with the ASCS offices, that decision was made and all at once, overnight by a stroke of the pen that turned out to be the wrong decision. I'm not aware of the amount other than Senator Kremer says in some instances 50 and 60%. Now this is too much of a burden and it's the unfairness and the injustice of that type of an operation so I would wholeheartedly support this resolution and that a group of people go with Senator George Gerdes, who is very knowledgeable in agricultural matters, but not only that, very knowledgeable in the personnel of the Department of Agriculture so I would suggest that this body support this resolution with Senator--with Senator Gerdes and three or four others if that's the number in, in the resolution, I'm not certain of the number, if it was even specified, but I believe it can be done. It is an almost insurmountable assignment given to myself and three other members, Senator Kime, Rasmussen and Epke and as I indicated Monday morning, I would like to believe we were effectual in our trip to Washington on the rollback of prices. Yesterday we called Congressman Thone's office and asked him if there would be a possible reconsideration of their action such as sometimes is the case in this legislative body and he indicated no, you have won your victory, this is the end of it and the vote was and I don't have it, I believe I have it in my office, instead of at my desk here

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