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SENATOR COPE: I believe, and I certainly would ask an attorney if they'd care to comment, that that might be one of your biggest problems as much as corporations today, because that has certainly built up as far as people not involved in farming, and used for a tax writeoff of, even maybe faster than corporations.

SENATOR BURROWS: I think we may have to look further into this, and I do not claim the bill to absolutely solve all the problems, but it will create substantial barriers, and slow down the corporate envelopment.

SENATOR COPE: Thank you, Senator Burrows.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Marsh. Senator Marsh, did you not wish to speak? Alright, go on then to Senator Merz. The Chair recognizes Senator Merz.

SENATOR MERZ: Mr. President and members of the body, I don't want to take up much time, but I want to bring up a few points. A year ago this body unanimously supported the American Ag Movement and what they stood for. And I think they are here today for the same reason. They stand for the agriculture of the State of Nebraska, and I think when we let the agricultural, the farmer down in this state, we've done a great injustice to the people. I don't think there is a senator here today that would be affected harder than I personally if this bill would go through, but I'm standing here for the State of Nebraska, and what's made this state great but the farmers of this state, and so I can't help but support this bill.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Cullan.

SENATOR CULLAN: Mr. President, and members of the Legislature, I think the issues have been adequately addressed. I would simply like to make a comment with respect to Senator Fowler's presentation, in that only one or two rural senators were supporting this bill. I think, perhaps, that's an indication that many rural senators do not believe that the problem is as serious as it has been presented, and perhaps that's one reason that a lot of rural senators are not supporting this particular measure. I think the Agricultural Committee has looked into this. I think they've heard the evidence and the testimony. I think they've reviewed it very cautiously and carefully, and I think we better be very careful in this Legislature about pulling bills from committee from the floor without some...when the committee is the body which has considered these in depth and in detail. So I think we ought to consider the action of the committee and be very careful and very selective when and if we do overrule a committee of this Unicameral.