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to do it. They wait for some calamity short of catastrophe...

PRESIDENT: Time, Senator Venditte.

SENATOR VENDITTE: ...to arouse the American people and make the political task much easier. With that, Mr. President, I do have...

PRESIDENT: Do you have an amendment? All right. Read the amendment on the desk, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Venditte moves to add a new paragraph 4 to the resolved portion...oh, okay, Senator Venditte moves to amend LR 186. (Read Venditte amendment to LR 186 as found on page 347 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Venditte on his amendment.

SENATOR VENDITTE: I so move, Mr. Speaker. I think I addressed myself to the amendment during the...

PRESIDENT: All right, any further discussion on the amendment? I have a number of people who wish to speak. I think I will go down through the list and see if you want to speak on the amendment now. Senator Vickers, do you wish to speak to the amendment?

SENATOR VICKERS: Well since the amendment deals with the major portion of what the resolution does, yes.

PRESIDENT: All right.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, all the wheels that are being spun in Nebraska is not being spun out there on the ice. We are spinning them right here too. Senator Venditte says we are going to solve the energy crisis and stop OPEC...we're going to damage them. That is a very noble cause and I wish I could think of something nice to say for this resolution but I can't think of anything nice to say for it. So I am going to have to say a few things bad about it. First of all, he says we are going to have four-day school weeks during the month of January. I don't know how that works in Omaha, Senator Venditte, but out home we have children that are getting on the school bus right now at 7:00 o'clock in the morning and that is pretty dark out there in Western Nebraska at that time in January and they don't get home until after dark in the evening, and we are going to increase the number of hours so we can cut one day a week