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written by Willard Mueller. In the summary of that report, and at that time 200 industrial corporations controlled two-thirds of the industrial assets of the nation. Now it is less than 150. It found that they were less efficient on production cost by their huge size. In the various segment at that time that was the most efficient by concentrated capital, the 200 biggest corporations had become less efficient on production costs and they referred to their efficiency they had gained in avoidance of taxes and in monopolistic power or concentrated marketing power. Two efficiencies on that term which were monopoly power and avoidance of taxes, the two efficiencies they attained to gain their power, both of them undesirable for all the consumers across this nation. That was the Federal Trade Commission report of 1970. We have the most competitive, best working agriculture in the world and we ought to protect it. Small businesses across the state, basically all of the business structure, the jobs, depend upon a solvent agriculture that is owned by a large number of (Interruption)...

PRESIDENT: A half a minute, Senator.

SENATOR BURROWS: ...true competitive capitalism. I would like to reference on the potential of foreign investment that Senator Marsh referred to. Europe and Japan prohibit U. S. investors from going over there and buying. What we will do on this part is protecting our land from investment from those countries that already strongly protect their land and protect their interest from U. S. investment in their agriculture land. It is consistent with this and I strongly feel that we should protect our country, our farmland which is our nation. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The question before the House is the advance to E & R Initial of LB 184. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Senator Burrows, there are five excused, and if you want to save time by, let's have a Call of the House and get it over with. All right, the motion is for a Call of the House. Then you will want a roll call vote, is that what you want or do you want to take call in?

SENATOR BURROWS: I will take call in votes.

PRESIDENT: All those in favor of a Call of the House vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 19 ayes, 0 nays to go under Call, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: All right, the House is under Call. The Sergeant