

consented that he would proceed in this area. However, there is some monies that is going to have to be made available to him but this would not be a long, drawn out procedure but could be handled relatively quickly with a relatively small investment by the state to provide counsel for the Attorney General to use. Now he may want to use someone within his office or he may want to use someone outside his office but that is up to him and I think that in the interests of the State of Nebraska and the people of the State of Nebraska, the Office of the Attorney General certainly has a responsibility of protecting both and it is in that interest that Senator Remmers who has landowners in his district as well as mine and as well as other senators in this body, along the Iowa border, that have a deep concern and we need to take some action and do it now and to prevent this continuing violation of a compact that was sincerely and honestly entered into. With that I would release the rest of my time to Senator Remmers or whatever time he may want in support of the resolution and move to adopt this resolution, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Remmers.

SENATOR REMMERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I hope that you were listening to what Senator Carsten was saying. It is a story that is a little bit hard to believe if you don't know the facts. It is a little hard to understand that the State of Iowa would pursue the course that they have been going after the compact between Nebraska and Iowa in 1943 after the Supreme Court decision I believe as recent as 1976 that they are still trying to take some of this land from Nebraska landowners. Those of you that know the history of the Missouri River know that the river has kind of wandered in its course and the boundary lines were always in doubt. But the compact of 1943 between Iowa and Nebraska did lay out the conditions of the ownership of this land. We have some Nebraska citizens, I know one family in particular, the time that they have spent, the money, the effort they have put in to trying to save their land from the Iowa conservation group that wants to make conservation lands out of it. They have developed this land. They have cleared it. It is very productive farmland but they are never sure from one day to the next whether the land is still going to be theirs. It is pretty hard for an individual in the State of Nebraska to battle the government of an adjoining state and I say I know it is very hard to believe that the State of Iowa would pursue this course but if you will read carefully Senator Carsten's resolution, the one that he wrote and one that I cosponsored with him, those are the facts and I