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Elroy Hefner and also Senator Vard Johnson; Senator Howard Peterson, Senator John DeCamp, Lowell Johnson, I guess we are just going to have most of them. It must be election year. Anyone who wishes to add their name in addition to those that I have called upon would please go to the Clerk's desk and make their wishes known. I want to say in all seriousness that this is an important resolution. Those of us in this body recognize the importance of agriculture. We acknowledge it every day. We have had many indications in the past several months that we have been engaged in debate here, that the state of agriculture has had a profound adverse impact upon the budget discussions of this body. And I think that we recognize that as agriculture goes so does the rest of the state, the nation and inevitably the world. I would like to call attention to the ladies underneath the north balcony. They are the wives of a group of Nebraska Livestock Feeders. One of them is my sister-in-law, Mrs. Sally Schmit. We are proud to have them here. If you don't believe that they have a profound influence upon the agricultural industry, just go back and ask anyone of them. They have been telling me that all morning. But we are glad to have them here. We welcome them and we also welcome their continued support of agriculture not only as individuals but as members of a very fine organization. I appreciate the consideration that has always been shown to agriculture by this body and I would like to yield just a little of my time to Senator Kremer who has a few remarks to say.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kremer, the Chair recognizes you.

SENATOR KREMER: Senator Schmit, I appreciate very much your alloting some of your speaking time and I am not going to say a lot, but what I say I mean. I think we are beginning to wake up to the fact that agriculture is important to this great country of ours. Many, many years ago because of what took place in the sweat shops and the advantage that industry took on labor we set forth as a nation to set aside a certain day known as Labor Day. Labor has gone a long, long way because of that and we are recognizing today the importance of labor like not many countries do. Now side by side with that I think we are going to have to wake up to the fact that agriculture is more important than most of us have been willing to admit or have recognized. What is being demonstrated in the world economy today is based on this very thing. I have long said and I still believe it, you get agriculture to going in this nation of ours and this economy is going to turn around. I am a strong supporter of the resolution and will go on record and say I am proud to be a farmer.

