

more aware of the financial crisis that farmers were in when two banks became insolvent in my legislative district, the 19th Legislative District in northeast Nebraska. The first one was the Niobrara bank in 1983 and this perhaps wasn't quite as bad because they could go to some of the other banks and get their loans and their loans would be processed. But then last year the Verdigre bank, which is ten miles south of Niobrara, became insolvent so that really created a problem. The bank was closed and, thank goodness, it was sold to another bank but the FDIC was given approximately 60 to 70 farm loans to liquidate and this has certainly caused a problem. And I don't believe we are ready yet, I don't believe we are ready to move as high as 60 farm families off of the land at this time. I know there is going to be changes. We can see them. We have been seeing a lot of changes the last ten years but I don't think that we can survive this drastic a change at this time and I want to say to this body we must accept the challenge of change but the change has got to come more slowly. If we liquidate 60 farm families in one community, what are we going to do with these families? Are we going to send them all to the cities, and after they get to the cities, what are they going to do? They need to be trained properly. We need to find jobs for them there and so this is certainly a critical and a very serious problem. This resolution says that this is just a partial solution, and I truly believe it because we are going to have to address some other problems, too. I would also like to suggest that the 20-member delegation, that resolution that we passed the other day, I think that this delegation needs to go to Washington, D.C. as soon as the inaugural is over, the latter part of January and the first part of February. If we don't get back there fairly soon, it is just not going to help the farmers when they go to the field or intend to go to the field to plant their crops. I would urge your adoption of this resolution.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Chronister. May we have order please so we may hear the speaker. (Gavel.) Senator Chronister.

SENATOR CHRONISTER: Mr. President and members, I rise in support of Senator Peterson's work here because I think our farm crisis we all recognize is a multifaceted problem. We have had other resolutions that decry the fact we have a problem but here we have a resolution that addresses one way, one avenue, that can help solve the problem. It helps