

PRESIDENT: The Chair will recognize Senator Schmit, but first Senator Haberman wants to make an addition to his comment just on a number.

SENATOR HABERMAN: The National Guard plane will hold 25 people.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Schmit, personal privilege.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature, I'd about as soon fly with DeCamp as to put 25 legislators in a National Guard airplane and head for Washington. That might be too much of a temptation. Very seriously, I don't think it is very smart to put 25 legislators in a single airplane. I've got 30,000 hours in the air and I still don't want to get into an airplane with 24 of my colleagues, or 21, or 10. I think it isn't good business. Aside from that, I want to echo much of what Senator Chambers has said and some of what Senator Carsten has said. I would like to point out also that yesterday there was a meeting at Wahoo, attended I think somewhere between 1,000 and 1,200 people. Senator Lamb was there, Senator Wiley Remmers, Senator Jerry Miller and several other people also. Senator Sieck had a representative there. The group that met there yesterday was very outspoken and very adamant about the necessity of some kind of action. They are appreciative of the fact that the Nebraska Legislature is interested in trying to help. They asked, very bluntly, in fact they didn't ask, they sort of demanded that I draft a resolution that would include the provision that a business man and a farmer go with each legislator. That resolution is in the process of being drafted. You will have a chance to discuss it, I'm sure. But I want to point out some of what Senator Vickers has said, that this sort of thing tends to grow from time to time and that it can reach a point where one of two things can happen. Either it becomes a crescendo which then, by the sheer force of numbers, commands attention, or else it becomes a mob which does do nothing. I want to point out that what we are attempting to do here is to focus the problem in front of those people who have the ability to do something and to do it in a manner forceful enough and with enough suggestion to it that we come back with some kind of results. I think it is most important that if we go back there, we don't just get on any kind of an aircraft and head east. We have got to know who we are going to see, when we