

PRESIDENT: Okay, Senator Carsten, ready to proceed with the resolution.

CLERK: LR 17, Senator. It is on page 201 of the Journal.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I would move for the adoption of the resolution. I think, literally, we've covered a good share of the ground that the resolution involves. The only thing, I think, that we have not touched upon, in my opinion, and in Senator Vickers' and I'm sure many other of you senators involved in it, is the financial end of the crisis that we are now facing. It is equally as important as the actual operations of agriculture. I think it is very imperative that the two factions of our total economy work together, and would certainly hope that by coordinating the other 11 midwestern states, together with other states that have an agricultural dependency to some degree that would so desire to join us, that they would be permitted to do so. It seems to me and to Senator Vickers that the broader and the more support we get from more states, the better impact we're going to have when whoever or whenever we go back to Washington. I'm sure Senator Vickers has some comments relative to it. I think we've really talked about the resolution itself quite broadly this morning in the former discussion. But that is basically what the resolution is. I would certainly urge your support for it.

PRESIDENT: May we have order, please. (Gavel.) The Chair recognizes Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, are there other lights on?

PRESIDENT: No, there are not.

SENATOR VICKERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Just very briefly I would just echo everything that Senator Carsten has said. As Senator Carsten indicated, we had discussed this pretty thoroughly, I think, not only when LR 2 was adopted, but also this morning. This is an attempt, on Senator Carsten's and my part, to try to set up a mechanism to implement what we attempted to start with LR 2. I would certainly hope that the body would adopt this resolution. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Without any further discussion being