

who is not even a farmer and is not even white is the one I have to turn to with this problem. They have foreclosures. They are selling cattle to operations that go out of business after giving them a check. They cash the check at the bank, then the bank comes after them for the money. They have lost their cattle. The bank says if you don't give us the money back for the check that we have honored, we will put a lien against your property. So they have been twice bitten. Why don't some of the farm area Senators go to these meetings in these areas and deal with these concrete problems that people have? After the splash is made of taking a multifaceted and varied group to Washington, will there be a letdown when people come back? Will those who are facing problems right now continue to face those problems? Let me give you another one so you know I am not just making these things up. Two older people were trying to get a loan from the Farmers Home Administration. They were told they didn't have enough collateral or assets to justify them in getting the loan. So both of them went out and got jobs. They reapplied after they had accumulated some money. Do you know what they were told? That now the income that they have taken with what they own put them too high above the line so now they can't get a loan because they have too much. But without a loan, they are going to lose everything that they have got. These are problems that I think the Legislature could deal with right here at home. There was a man named Thoreau or maybe it was his friend Ralph Waldo Emerson who talked about how much easier it is to be charitable a thousand miles away from home, then look the other way when you see that beggar on the street, words to that effect. I think it would be a lot easier if I could get out from under what people have put me under thinking I am a court of last resort, if all I had to do was take a trip to Washington or make a statement every now and then saying I am in favor of agriculture. I hope that you will try to bring some degree of seriousness as the public perceives it back to this whole operation, that it will not be a way for business people and others to sponge up some state funds and go have a good time in Washington. Everybody who goes should be serious in their intent and their purpose, and when they come back, when they come back, they should take upon themselves the yoke that I am bearing now and help me pull this creaking, broken-down wagon known as agriculture in Nebraska. I am going to oppose the resolution, and if the idea begins to mutate in any other respect, I will oppose the whole idea although