

the discussion here this morning, I have asked the bill drafter to prepare another amendment that would allow the Governor to travel at the expense of the Governor's Office, of course, other individuals to travel at the expense of...at their own expense, and as Senator Nichol has indicated, it may well be that the various commodity boards might wish to fund some of these individuals who could then go along with the delegation. As I said, I introduced the resolution. I do not in any way, shape, or form want to give the group the appearance of a mob. I don't think that will be happening, but I do think that your question is well taken, and in view of the fact that other states are being involved and other groups are being involved, that portion of the resolution needs to be deleted and it will be.

SENATOR WITHEM: Thank you.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President and members, again I rise with mixed emotions, but I want to make it clear what I said a little bit ago. I want to clarify a few points of what I think the intention was of LR 2. The intention of LR 2, as I indicated earlier and a number of times, is to try to put together a mechanism whereby the elected officials from the farm state region who understand what happens to the economy, and then understand how the relationship of what happens to the farm economy applies to all of the governmental entities, the infrastructure, and many other things in their states, and understand how what happens in the various states affects what happens in the entire country, and understands how as legislators you attempt to bring about those things that you know and articulate them to those people who are in a position to make policy at the federal level. It was also my intention that we don't go as an individual state, and I have said that a number of times. We have got other states now who are indicating an interest to go but I can tell you that they are not indicating an interest to send twenty the ones that I am familiar with, at this point. They are sending a smaller number. Matter of fact I have had conversations with some of the other states that really think it ought to be limited to more of the leadership people, if you will. I disagree with that, but I want to make it clear that it seems to me that if we go back there with a group of people who are not elected officials and try to incorporate them into this coordinated