

ought to have done is to have accomplished everything at the state level that the Legislature has the power to do. Then it is rational and reasonable and logical to go to the federal government and say, there are other aspects of the problems facing agriculture that cannot be dealt with at the state level. It is like a relay. We have run our leg of the race and now we are in the zone to pass the baton and we are giving it to you. Maybe you can take what we have done on the state level and use it as a model for federal action. But instead of that, the legislators might go to Washington with an empty sack. They will say, what have you done about staving off foreclosures? Nothing. What have you done about trying to deal with interest rates? Nothing. What have you done about the rapid failure and the numerous failures of financial institutions in Nebraska? Nothing. Well, what are you coming here for? You have the same legislative authority at the state level that Congress has at the federal level and you have done nothing. This nonbinding resolution may make it possible to do a shell game on the Secretary of Agriculture. It will be easy to do it on Mr. Reagan. If he is there, just tell him some jokes about welfare people buying vodka with their food stamps and you will get him. He will chuckle a little bit but he won't follow what you are talking about. And he will say, by God, I am glad that these Nebraskans came here to cut this welfare, I have been wanting to cut welfare ever since I got here. And then they say, no, that is not what we are talking about, that was a joke. We are looking for welfare, but for the farmers. You see, Mr. Reagan...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...years ago our ancestors took land from the native Americans and now God in his justice is causing some of our brothers to take the land from us and we want you to stop that. What I am telling you is that you should go with more than an empty sack. Maybe this resolution is all you are going to get. But if you came to me and I were in Washington and you had done as little as has been done in this state, I would tell you, go back and do what you can at home, then when you need additional help I will assist. I do believe the problems in agriculture are severe in this state and they need to be addressed by this Legislature more directly and in the form of legislation and specific proposals instead of just this resolution or taking a trek to Washington. I will have to try to speak again if I get