

long time ago that in order to get in the tent you first have to get your nose through the flap and had I come in with a \$20 million, the first crack out of the box I think Senator Landis and others who are deeply interested in the Commonwealth issue would have been less inclined to look favorably upon the problems we face. Now I recognize that first of all the Commonwealth people have been coming to this body for fourteen months. The agricultural situation, notwithstanding the admonitions of many of us on this floor that it was going to get that way, had not become really serious until the last three or four months and as a result we have some catching up to do. Now I believe we can, if we are properly explanatory of our predicament, if we can convince our friends and if the banking industry, which is in dire straits across the State of Nebraska, support this situation, I believe that we can make some specific recommendations.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Your time is up.

SENATOR SCHMIT: But unless you can open it up, Senator, there wasn't any...there was no point in getting started.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Schmit, then Senator Chambers, then Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Close.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Schmit, okay. Then we will go on to Senator Chambers. Did you want to speak, Senator Schmit?

SENATOR SCHMIT: I will pass at this time.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, were I not to speak, I would burst. I am in favor of what Senator Schmit is doing. I want to make it clear that I am going to support that proposition. I do think the issue of agriculture should be raised and I hope that we are not, those of us who are not from the farm or rural community who will support a nonbinding resolution are not just posturing this morning. I hope when we come to concrete legislation, and this goes to some people from the farm areas too, that we will put a vote to do something concrete whereas this morning we are just giving a vote