

you can't get any more. The farmers can tell the bankers, we have supported you, we have dealt with you for years, my father, my grandfather. The banker says, I am in this to make money and you can't cut the mustard so I can't carry you. Think of all the other people who would be hurt if I help you. So these farmers now are trying to face a reality that is difficult and that they cannot face and they cannot cope with. I am trying to talk to you about this problem in human terms because I get to see it and I am sure some of you do too, and going to Washington is not going to deal with that aspect of it.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What might give people hope is if the propositions that have come out of the Revenue Committee that Senator Landis talked about and other propositions that attempt in a specific and concrete fashion to deal with the problem are enacted, then you might give people hope even though the hope may not be justified in everybody's case. So what I am expecting to happen now after we pass this nonbinding resolution is that between today and the leaving of this delegation to Washington, several legislative enactments will have occurred. The Governor will have signed them and when you go to Washington you will have in place a legislatively sponsored program to deal forthrightly and on a broad basis with the problem of agriculture in Nebraska. And if those things do not happen, then the public and especially the farm community will have been dealt a fast shuffle. I won't be a part of it. I am going to support all of those propositions with my vote that I think are genuinely aimed at dealing with this problem, not solving it because the state can't do it alone but doing what it can.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members, I rise to talk briefly about what Senator Chambers has discussed here twice as he has spoken. He has called it the "empty sack" theory, I would assume, on our trip to Washington. I would like to defend those of us who have been working very hard on this proposal in sending back a delegation, a multistate delegation. I think Senator Nichol and Senator Vickers and myself and some other individuals have been working very hard in trying to come up with some proposals that we can