

afraid to support this resolution based upon the good faith expressions of Senator Landis and others that if and when there comes a time that in this body, whether it is Senator DeCamp's bill or whether it is a bill that I have, or others, there comes the opportunity for those individuals to say, yes, we will provide some money to shore up Nebraska banks that we are going to get that support. I don't have it in writing and very frankly if the man's word isn't any good, his written word isn't any good, and I can deal with that. But I know that the interest of this Legislature is such that we are committed to maintain the integrity of the State of Nebraska and during critical times you do innovative things and you do those things which you would not normally do. During times of prosperity you build buildings and you spend money and you do other things. But during...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...times such as this we invest money in trying to maintain the soundness of the financial institutions of this state. I would hope that the resolution does pass. I would accept an amendment to be more specific, but I will not offer it.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Vard Johnson.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I intend to vote for the Vickers-Schmit amendment or the Schmit-Vickers amendment to LR 39. The agricultural question that we are facing today reminds me very much of a bit of English history in the Sixteenth Century in England. As the result of a fair amount of wealthy property owner agitation, the English Parliament voted to take public land which was known as the "commons" and to enclose that public land and to sell that public land to wealthy English property holders. And the decision that the English Parliament reached in 1580 in England has come down to us historically as the Great Enclosure Acts because they enclosed public lands and made those enclosed lands available to the wealthy to acquire. And in that act alone the English Parliament depopulated the rural countryside. They started one of the largest migrations in the history of the Western World from the country to the cities. And, in fact, the Elizabethan Poor Law which was adopted in England in 1603 was a direct result of the 1580 Enclosure Act where