

herself in going off to Washington without going throughout the communities of Nebraska to talk directly with the people and to observe the problems that exist, obtain input and have something to talk to people in Washington about? If they are unwilling to go before the trip, they certainly should do that when they come back to show their sincerity of purpose. Going to Washington, as opposed to going throughout the State of Nebraska, is like the difference between going to a medical convention at the behest of lobbyists for the medical association and going to visit hospitals where the sick really are found. The medical convention is where you drink, you eat, you engage in amiable conversation, you have a good time. The medical profession exists only, supposedly, to minister to the sick. So a lot of people are willing to go have a good time at the medical association dinner or convention. Many are willing to go to Washington to take a free trip, get away from Nebraska for awhile and have something to put in the Blue Book. When we say, let's look at the purpose of all of this and go to the hospital where the sick, in fact, are, where the sick can see by our presence, our concern for them, the number of those who will bite on that bait will diminish. I don't know whether any would accept that at all. So I still am looking at this trip with a jaundiced eye. I do not believe that it's being taken in sincerity as a means to help solve the problems of agriculture. It would be easier to go two or three hundred miles from where we live to talk to people and see how we can work on the problem than it is to go over a 1,000 miles. But it is always easier to give charity a 1,000 miles away than to give it at home. Now the amendment that Senator Schmit offered to the Commonwealth resolution can be analogized to a train. Those who were on the train originally are riding in Pullman quarters and Pullman cars. The agriculture amendment is like the caboose. It is attached just to be a part of the train, but those who ride in the caboose don't enjoy the amenities of those who ride Pullman. But it's better to be attached to the train, even if you don't have the comforts, than to be left in the station with no chance to arrive at the destination where the train will reach, even though you're a little late, you're a little tattered and torn and less well acquitted when you get there. So I think that if the trip is taken, it ought to be called a commencement, a beginning of sincere efforts toward solving the problem. I hope that is what it becomes. Now I want to mention something about how city people and farm people are coming together and why.