

Conservation Offices, and our ACP programs, and so on are being asked to cut down and being eliminated. I also commend Senator Chambers for his amendment on that. It is good. We sometimes can't even agree with them on their budget cuts, and for the record, I would like to read to you, and I handed this out to the body a couple of days ago, the CCC price support loans are to be down 18 percent this year. PL480, that is a very important program, down 20 percent. That is food to underprivileged countries. REA electric loans, down 60 percent; REA telephone loans, down 59 percent; rural housing, 97 percent; community development, 97 percent; disaster loans, terminated. The farmers are being asked to produce and produce with no protection whatsoever. They went to the Federal Crop Insurance. That has not been particularly successful. They are trying to eliminate that program in two more years and now they are down to...and the disaster loans were practically eliminated last year. Aid to the watersheds, the NRDs and so on, as senators speak, terminated; ACP soil conservation, terminated; child nutrition, 10 percent down; food and nutrition, 1.5; temporary food assistance, terminated; agricultural credit, down 22 percent; Extension Service, down 23 percent; soil conservation, 24 percent, in some cases eliminated; aid to State Ag Research, down 13 percent. How can we develop our products, how can we find new markets? Marketing and inspection, down 6; total USDA outlets, down 15 percent. I agree that we all have to cut and do the best that we can but I think the farmers budget is down to bare bones. And, incidentally, the defense budget will be increased \$32 billion. I might say that soil is our country's real worth and I feel it is ridiculous for the administration's notion that individual farmers should shoulder this burden and the price of these conservation programs. And if we don't save our soil, eventually that is the backbone of our state and of our nation. And I also say that their effort to eliminate the Soil Conservation Service offices is very true and, again, it seems to me like being penny wise and pound foolish, and they have cut those offices back. They are back to bare bones. I think there are eight states now where they are trying to have three or four offices to a state and they have accomplished that back east. Don't worry, they will be back into Nebraska and I certainly do support this resolution.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Sieck, did you wish to close on your resolution?