

consequence, Block said, net farm income for the calendar year 1985 could drop by \$10 billion or more." And then he goes on to say, "'The choice before us,' Block said, 'is whether we want to maintain the costly current programs and become even less competitive in world markets, or whether we want to have market-oriented programs that allow our farmers to make use of their great efficiency and productivity to compete for world markets.'" Now I submit to you that we need to make every statement that we possibly can that we simply will not accept this failed policy of the past, which I outlined to you in a handout that I gave this morning, which goes all the way back to the years preceding the Great Depression, including the increased production that we geared up for to feed the world in the first World War, and then when those markets went away, we had unrestricted acreage. The acreage increased as banks started failing and the price of land dropped by 50 percent. We must make these statements. We must call attention to the fact that the estimated farm income, and this is by the government, of \$25 billion, dropping \$10 billion should be a headline in the World Herald and not buried in the back pages. There are some figures that show the net farm income for 1984 was only \$16.1 billion. It depends on how you measure it. So we must pass this resolution and any resolution that comes before us that will cause Washington to know that we do have a problem out here and we want some action. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Schmit, would you like to close on your resolution please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I want to thank my colleagues who have supported the measure. I would just like to say that I believe it has been adequately described and adequately explained. I think that without exception we want to point out once again that the program which has been proposed by the administration, to be administered through the Farmers Home Administration, is not physically capable of being carried out. The Farmers Home Administration is even now being proposed for less employees than in the past, notwithstanding the crisis situation which they face. I think that the ASCS offices have demonstrated they can handle the problem, they can handle a loan proposal, they have done it in the past, they are familiar with it, they are familiar with the farmers, and I believe it would work.