

approximately an hour. I think that we have a lot to tell him. I think that we have a lot to tell him from the grass roots on the problems that we have in agriculture, that agriculture is suffering, and agriculture does need help, and we need to work together. We all need to work together, the President, his cabinet members, the Congress and certainly the states. I think that we'll be telling him some of the same things that we told Secretary of Agriculture John Block, the same thing that we told the Vice-President, the same thing that we told Senator Dole, and also the same things that we told our own congressional delegation. So I think it is fitting that we do take this resolution back with us when we go back to Washington, D.C., Monday, March 11. Thank you, and I would appreciate your support on this resolution.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Scofield.

SENATOR SCOFIELD: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I, too, rise to support this resolution and, like Senator Hefner, would also like to have my name added to it. In support of this resolution I'd like to share some portions of a letter that I drafted to Secretary John Block. It's kind of still in the rough draft form, but I've spent a lot of time thinking about our meeting that we had in Washington, what John Block had to say, and the conclusions that I came away with. I believe they relate to this resolution. I suggested to Mr. Block, and I will be drafting, I think, a similar letter now in light of this resolution to the President, that I agree with his emphasis that he talked to us about, addressing deficit spending. It has to be done and all sectors of the economy have to share the burden. But I further suggested to him that I didn't think immediate credit for this spring was the primary issue, and probably was even of dubious value if we didn't have clearly articulated, long-range goals for agriculture. What I suggested to him in this letter is that my constituents don't need more credit if all that is intended is just simply to prolong the agony a little bit longer. I suggest to them, and I suggest to you, that what we do need is a clear vision of the future of agriculture in America. That needs to be articulated from the President, on down. Perhaps that is an appropriate topic, not only for discussion here in this Legislature, but I would suggest it is an appropriate topic for a national dialogue. I would suggest that the two principles, that Mr. Block told us in