

Washington that he would be seeking in the Ag Adjustment Act of 1985, are not really goals. They are means to an end. He told us his interest was finite cost controls and moving the government out of agriculture. Those are ways of accomplishing something. They are not goals, in my opinion. I would suggest that that is what we really need at this time and that is what this resolution is also suggesting that we need. Obviously, no program is perfect. Our past farm programs haven't been perfect, but they haven't been all bad either. We've had a number of goals we were trying to accomplish, and some of them we did very well with. One of those goals has always been to provide a cheap, stable food supply to our population. We've done a better job of that than any other nation in the world. A secondary goal I believe, if you look at the history of our farm program, has been soil conservation. While we haven't done that perfectly, we've done pretty well. The group that we haven't done very well by, quite frankly, is the family farmer and rancher. I think we need to sit down and reassess our goals and restate our goals. But at the bare minimum I would suggest that we do have to, in our statement of long-range goals, continue to produce a stable, reasonably priced domestic food supply. We do need to continue to preserve our natural resource base, and in fact do a better job of that than we have been doing. A third issue that I think at the bare minimum has to be discussed is the tradition of individual land ownership in this country. I think that is very much threatened by the direction that we seem to be going right now. Obviously the goals that we will come up with, as a nation, for agriculture are bound to compete with each other, they are bound to conflict with each other and trade offs will have to be made. I don't think anybody believes otherwise. But what we have to do first is state what direction we want to go. Only then is it appropriate to talk about how we are going to get there. There is an old saying that if you don't know where you are going you probably will end up some place else. I'm very concerned about what that some place else might be in American agriculture. So I strongly endorse this resolution and urge you to vote for it. Thank you.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise in support of the resolution that