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SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Clerk, I understand there is an amendment on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, there certainly is an amendment from Senator DeCamp. (Read DeCamp amendment found on page 891 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, this simply changes two words in the resolution and the words are precisely the opposite, I think, of what the existing words are. The resolution says that the present debate on agriculture tends to be narrowly focused and to revolve around unrealistic extremes. I guess I think that is almost contradictory because I think the very evidence on the floor is that the debate on agriculture, for the first time, is extremely broadly focused from the Reagan theories to the congressional legislation, to the American ag movement, to the Farm Bureau. For the first time the full gamut of options are being looked at. The range is broader than just "the family farm", whatever that means. It contrasts. Instead of having just a narrow range, it contrasts a complete free market system with a complete controlled government system, with the various in between things such as variations on price support. So it is unrealistic to say that it is narrowly focused. For the first time it is broadly focused. The second thing, there are extremes from the market oriented system, to the complete government controlled system. But I don't know whether those are unrealistic extremes. They are certainly contrasting extremes. If they were unrealistic they would probably stand, any of them, very little chance of passage. At least one of them appears well on its way to being implemented, which is the Reagan policy. So I would think those who support the resolution, irrespective of any of our disagreements on what those policies should or should not be, would at least support these amendments that clarify what the real agricultural debate is. In addition to that, I would also suggest that I'm not sure the resolution really accomplishes anything other than to give us a chance to "discuss" one more time the farm issue and the plight of the