

SENATOR DECAMP: I'm not sure that is a realistic question, but I will put it this way. Eventually, unless you have a completely closed border, unless you have a completely closed border to world goods, you are going to have to face the fact that you are going to have to compete or you will be beat and you will be exactly where we are now, in a lot of trouble, with a lot of surpluses, with our markets destroyed, and indeed, if somebody can grow something or produce a product considerably cheaper than us they are going to be able to sell that product. If they have the market and you are growing the product and you can't sell it as cheap and you are in a market oriented economy, you are wasting your time growing the product because you are either going to have to eat it yourself, or burn it, or destroy it, or have the government buy it up and figure out what to do with it.

SENATOR HARRIS: Thank you, Senator DeCamp. This, I think, should focus the issue for us. What we are talking about is a free market system that puts us in competition with the world.

SENATOR BEUTLER: One minute.

SENATOR HARRIS: As Senator DeCamp pointed out, we are competitive in agriculture up to this point. But right now we have a dollar that is automatically working against us to the tune of 25 to 30 percent on every item that we are dealing with. We have, as a nation, committed unilateral economic disarmament by dropping our tariffs, our quotas and opening up our borders to be the dumping ground for the worlds production. We cannot exist if all we do is consume. I plan to speak a little further to this point in a few moments. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR BEUTLER: The next speaker is Senator Chambers. Please keep in mind, while nothing is more important to us than the general direction of agriculture, there are also a number of bills related to agriculture on our list today which are more immediately important. So, please try to keep your remarks limited. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I don't know what significance there is to Senator DeCamp's amendment. I don't know what significance