

there, when you are asking for deregulation or the free market system you are asking for the right to go broke, not saying that we want to be protected. We have a history of farm programs in the United States. This has been spoken to. We do have a history of farm programs. It doesn't mean that we want a handout or want protection, but we have an automatic 25 to 30 percent disadvantage, from the dollar, that is part of our federal policy at the current time. We need to alter that policy, or what we do here this year is going to be meaningless. To say that we're going to be able to do something for the farmer when we have these kind of forces working against us is simply nonsense. We are going to be in a depression out here and you are all going to look around and wonder why. Well I am telling you why, why the property taxes are not going to be paid, why they are not being paid at the present time, why these small communities in Nebraska are going to dry up and blow away, why Paul Volcker and the administration can sit there and tell us that we know that you are going to have bankruptcies, we know that you are going to have banks close, we know that you are going to have farmers displaced, but that is the way the free market internationalist system works. I, for one, am not going to sit around and talk about legislation without speaking to such issues as this that are going to be an overriding effect upon all legislation. I'd like to quote from a newspaper article in regard to the discussion they had yesterday about the free market system. Bryce Neidig had been overseas, and he said for Europeans, people remember in Europe when they were hungry, the people of European nations have decided that they don't intend to go through that again and are willing to subsidize their farmers to do so. That is true. We are not going to be given a chance to sell our products at the lowest possible price even as the price drops. We are talking about the future of Nebraska, the future of our economic system. I have handed out something that I think is going to be used as part of my efforts. It was done by my office. It has a picture of American people, with the theme, "America First." I think this should be put, Senator Schmit and Senator Vickers, I think this should be put to the President of the United States directly. Are we talking about America first? Are we talking about American jobs? Are we talking about American agriculture or are we talking about the internationalist system where this is simply a nonborder economy, and if we see our economy destroyed that it doesn't matter because the world's economy is doing well? I'll