

responsibilities and the things they created and the history that is established for this body can't be changed. We have those rights and responsibilities, but what can be changed and what can be improperly done is a refusal on our part to even deal with the issue and maybe Initiative 300 is perfect, maybe it isn't. But at least affirm the right of this body to examine it and that is the sole thing I seek from you today. I ask your support in bringing it to the floor.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Rupp, then Senator Baack.

SENATOR RUPP: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I know at this point that more or less rhetoric isn't going to do any good on this because I think most of us probably know right now how we're going to vote on this issue. I just want to give you a little background of committee action on this resolution or possibly lack of committee action. We did not kill LR 16 I don't think, I believe it is safe to say, because we think Initiative 300 is absolutely letter perfect. We killed it in essence because there was no consensus of opinion of how we would proceed, when we would proceed and what we would do with it out here on the floor if in fact there are enough votes to bring it out here on the floor. During the committee hearing on LR 16 we had, I thought, excellent testimony that pointed out that there are some problems with the poultry and livestock industry. I think it is safe to say also there is no consensus of opinion in our committee and probably not on this floor to totally repeal Initiative 300 because it isn't the mood right now. That might change a lot in the next 19 months if things continue to slide the way they are because that's what we're talking about here today of course is whether we are going to let the people vote on this again in 19 months. We did adopt a committee amendment and it is important I think you understand this that in essence just exempted the livestock and poultry production industry out of Initiative 300. It left the land ownership restriction intact. Senator Chambers often says there is some things that I want to get into the record. I know not many people are listening, but I think it's important that you have just a little bit of background before we vote on this. One of the main problems with Initiative 300, I think, since the first time I heard about it in 1982 was that there are very, very few people that fully understand what it said, what it did, what it was attempting to do. I've got a lot of