

information I could share with you to prove that point, but here is one glaring example that leaped off of the front page of the World Herald at me, I think it was the January 24th edition. The headline was, "Producers of Sorghum Back 300." And it started out by saying, the Nebraska Grain Sorghum Producers Association overwhelmingly voted Tuesday to keep Initiative 300, et cetera, et cetera. Dave Anderson of Odell stated, this is in quotes, "I think the land ownership issue is a smoke screen," he said. "If a corporation wants to put a feedlot in Nebraska, it can simply get a long term lease for the land instead." No, no, no. Now this was in the World Herald and a man that should have known better said that because here is Initiative 300, its entire 1.700 and some words. It says very clearly, "farming and ranching shall mean," and these are in the restricted things, "the ownership keeping or feeding of animals for the production of livestock or livestock products." Now the mere keeping of animals is forbidden. I suspect maybe that some packing plants that have been built since 1982, they're keeping animals for the production of livestock products. They're probably in violation. Who knows how many people are in violation? I have a letter here from Hill Hatchery that was very good, signed by Richard Earl, President. He started out by saying, "I want to commend you and your committee for the courage even to consider LR 16." Makes a statement very profound I think. "Recently the Attorney General of the State of Nebraska ruled that egg production was not exempt from Initiative 300. Poultry production is exempt. How you can have eggs without poultry remains a mystery to one who has made this industry his life's work." You see, these are the problems, the question marks that we are faced with on this thing. The interpretation, what does it mean, et cetera, and I think sooner or later we're avoiding our responsibility if we don't take a look at it and try to iron some of these question marks out. We know of course there are good, sincere, dedicated people on both sides of this issue and I guess I'm taking offense at the simplistic idealistic comments that I have been receiving that if you vote for this, well, you're just simply for the big corporations. I want to point out clearly there are some people on the other side of this issue too that we don't hear much from, NACI, Nebraska Corn Growers Association, Nebraska Livestock Feeders Association, Nebraska Grain and Feed Dealers Association, Fertilizer and Ag Chemical Institute, University of Nebraska Food Processing Center,