

problem and of course we know that has happened. But I want to point out also that probably the only two incumbent politicians in Nebraska who opposed Initiative 300 were Senator DeCamp and myself and I'd have to suggest that we're not the two most successful politicians in this state. Both candidates for Governor, every single member of Congress supported Initiative 300. I have not heard any retrogression on their part yet to this day although there are a few people who say maybe it shouldn't be this way or that way, but no one has said it was a mistake. I said it was a mistake to put it in the Constitution because I said I did not believe it would do all of the things that its supporters said it would do. Now I want to tell you right now that I don't think that Initiative 300 is responsible for the devastation that we find in Nebraska today. It's being blamed for all of the problems, but I want to say also that some of the people who are most outspoken now, some of my good friends in the banking industry, insurance industry, other areas, who were most outspoken, NACI, about Initiative 300 sat silent when the issue was before the voters, didn't explain to anyone the problem that might develop. Do you know what is happening today? I don't see any great concern on the parts of most of those individuals to assist agriculture in bringing down interest rates. I don't see any concern among those groups to assist us in stopping the flow of imported beef and pork and live animals from Canada or any other area or from Mexico.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I don't see any one of those people standing up here and trying to do those things that all of us have done in this body to try to keep American agriculture alive. I'm not going to vote to bring the bill to the floor. It may be that it should be on the floor so that we have a vehicle to work with, but I want to say this. I gave Neil Oxtan my word that if he came to me with some suggestions and with some amendments that I would work with him and I'm going to rely upon those individuals from my area, from those farm organizations who were the strongest proponents. I think they have recognized some of the difficulties, and when they come to me and ask me to assist them to change that, I'm going to do it. Now in the meantime I hope we have some dialogue. I hope we bring out those bankers, those lawyers, those doctors, those other people, NACI, all the rest of them who point out now the