

terrible hazards of Initiative 300, but who voted right down the line for the incumbent members of Congress and the Governors who supported Initiative 300 and they have not to my knowledge changed that position one iota. So I want to say this, that the time will come when there will be some changes in 300, but it is not going to resolve the problems that we face in agriculture...

SPEAKER NICHOL: Time is up.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...if you wiped it out of the Constitution. Those problems are going to remain with us and they are our responsibility and we must deal with those, not the people, but this Legislature and the Congress must deal with those. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Labedz, then Senator Sieck.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, two years ago in my district I passed out petitions to get supporters for Initiative 300 because I strongly believe in the family farm and I was very successful. Practically anyone that I asked in my district did not refuse to sign the petition because they felt as strongly as I did about the family farm. Since then and in committee, I supported LR 16, not for a complete repeal, but for an amendment because I felt that agriculture and...I mean livestock and poultry should be exempt and we did receive an Attorney General's Opinion on the poultry exemption and we all know about the egg plant that had to move to Colorado. Some say that he intended to go there anyway, but what about the future? And in committee I brought up several times, if the Attorney General says that the egg is not part of the chicken, I asked several members whether or not the milk was part of the cow and whether a milk plant would be refused to start a milk processing plant in Nebraska. And we have a couple of hide plants in South Omaha. Certainly if the egg isn't part of the chicken and milk isn't part of the cow, then I don't think the hide would be part of the steer. So there are some questions. No one could answer that for me in committee. As I have mentioned before on this floor, three packing plants closed in the last couple months. BC Dressed Beef, if you noticed in the paper, said one of the main reasons was availability of cattle. Certainly if we had a feedlot close to South Omaha, perhaps then we'd get some cattle. Most of the