

voted for the creation of all the ones that were created since I've been here. But I will suggest to you that when they were created they were created with the idea of being that eventually they were going to be able to raise the price to the producer. Now they can promote and advertise all they want to, but the fact of the matter is, and history has shown it, that we have promoted the product. We have got wheat for example in China and other countries in the international trade, but because of the strong dollar, because of other policies at the federal level in this country, our wheat producers are not able to take advantage of those markets that they in fact opened up. So it seems ridiculous to me, especially for this Legislature, who adjourned I would remind you a few weeks back and sent more than half of us to Washington to lobby the federal government about the farm problems in Nebraska and other Midwestern states to operate under the illusion that we're not playing hardball politics in agriculture, that we can simply promote the idea and advertise beef in Los Angeles or New York or wherever and automatically the price of beef is going to go up. Well, that's hogwash and we all know it. If we double the amount of beef consumption in this country, that does not mean the price of beef is going to double and I think any thinking livestock producer in this state should ought to recognize that. It might mean that the price wouldn't go up at all. If it does go up for a short period of time, it certainly doesn't mean it is going to stay up as long as we have federal policies and in spite of what some folks might say the federal policies...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR VICKERS: ...are for...wait a minute, this is my amendment. Is that five minutes already, Mr. President?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Excuse me, I'm sorry. You have six minutes left.

SENATOR VICKERS: Okay, thank you. I wondered, I was just getting started good. I want you to think about what we're doing with this particular industry. This particular industry is in a lot of trouble. It's in a lot of trouble because of policies at the federal level in the legislative arena and yet there are people that are saying, no, we shouldn't be involved in lobbying and affecting legislation.