

we have endured, you throw in the loss from the swine producers and we have two excellent swine producers in the Legislature here today, Senator Carsten and Senator Pappas are both in that business, you can see why the Nebraska economy is lagging as it is. We have tried for years to bring in other industries, nonagriculturally oriented industries and we need to continue that. But the thing we need to do first of all is to try to protect those industries which are basic to Nebraska. Our good friends, the Canadians to the north of us, have for years exported to the United States small numbers of cattle and probably a little larger number of hogs. The resolution calls attention to the fact that there has been a dramatic increase in the import of live and dressed pork to the United States from Canada and another large increase in the importation of cattle, principally live cattle. We have been told it is only a very small amount of the total slaughter in the United States. The point I want to make is this, that the Canadians subsidize their pork producers. I do not know what they do with their cattle producers, but we know they subsidize their pork producers. There has recently been a decision to place a tariff upon pork but because of the strong dollar, a thousand dollars spent for cattle or hogs in Canada translates to \$1400 worth of livestock when you move it across the border. Now that is more money than you can make feeding a steer for 105 days in a normal kind of a situation and it is a lot different than what we have been making or we have been losing here in the last year or so. A combination of the strong dollar, a combination of the increased imports, plus the fact that we have a varying report from the USDA as to the number of cattle and hogs that are coming into the United States. I have a deep suspicion based upon my own windshield survey that there are large numbers of livestock coming into the United States that do not come through the ports of entry. This resolution does several things. It calls for, first of all, countervailing duties upon the importation of beef as well as pork. And, secondly, it says that if those animals are brought into the United States through other than a port of entry, that there be a penalty assessed upon that livestock and that the livestock shall be returned to Canada. Those are the major parts of the resolution. I believe it is an important one. I believe it is one which is imminent. I believe it is timely. I have the signatures of many of you. I would hope that you would support the resolution and that it would be disposed of properly and