

gored, that's what we don't like. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, Senator Vickers has touched upon an issue which I think deserves to be commented on. I think he is partly right and I agree with Senator Vickers to this extent, that if it's going to be free it ought to be free both ways. But I want to point out that in all too many instances and for too many years it has only been free one way and I think that we have to recognize that no one ever pointed out when they talk about the cost of the federal farm program, I never heard a single member of Congress mention the fact he had to tack 80 cents a bushel on the price of grain because it was subsidizing the maritime industry. No one ever mentioned that and I think that's important. We talk about the costs of federal farm programs, but I want to point out also that we never, ever hear of those other subsidies. Agriculture, I think, can go it alone if everybody else does also. The facts are we do not, in most instances, go it alone. We have protected every single industry, every single business, most of the professions, but I think when you look at the fact that today commodity prices are at the same level they were in 1948. We can all understand why Nebraska is lower than a whale belly on the economic ladder, so I again want to support the resolution and I recognize again the accuracy of Senator Vickers' comment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Johnson, you may close. You have seven minutes left to speak.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, let me just say that I appreciate the words of wisdom from all of the individuals who have spoken on this particular issue, both pro and con. I think it's good of us as a body to sit and discuss these type of concepts openly and honestly and bare our soul so to speak. You know heading up the Ag Committee this year has been sort of like being a captain of a ship, of a sinking ship, in a way, and there is little you can do. In fact, Senator Vickers made a very good statement when he said a lot of these things are beyond our control. I have to admit a lot of the things that we've talked about on this legislative floor, things that we've discussed with our congressmen and our senators when we were in Washington were always beyond our reach, our control. So it's been a little