

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Landis, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR LANDIS: I'd like to know if we're going to raise the call now that we've established the number that are here and that we are all present, with the exception of Senator Chambers?

SENATOR DECAMP: Yes, it's fine by me if you want to...it's up to the Speaker. Whatever you want.

SENATOR LANDIS: In that case, I'd like to be able to express my opinion to the Chair and that is that the call of the house is used for the purpose of getting a majority to vote, not for ensuring an audience for debate, which is up to each of us to decide whether we'll be here or not. I'd suggest that the call be raised.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The call is raised. Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, I did want to know how many we had here today to know whether to pass over the resolution, or even attempt to deal with it. I'd like to start out, just read you a letter received on January 23, 1986. I'll pass out a copy. Senator DeCamp, why don't you start thinking, use your brain more and your mouth less. We need Initiative 300 more now than ever. If you don't realize that then you are very stupid. What makes you think you know more than the voters of Nebraska? You've been bought and paid for by some land hungry corporation. You better hope Initiative 300 stays, or you may end up like the Hills, Iowa banker. All the farmers need are better prices for what they sell and that would take care of falling land prices. What we don't need is a traitor like you representing us. The letter was not signed. Mr. President, I'm not criticizing the letter. I'm not angry about the letter. On the contrary, believe it or not, I have a certain quantity of admiration and respect for the author of that letter, although I don't respect their not signing their name. Why? Because they do feel so intensely that they are willing to go out on the line and say what they think on this issue, unlike a lot of other people. Even though, even though they are in pretty obvious disagreement with me, I think they are the ones I should be dealing with today and addressing. I've talked to each of you individually. I know down deep what you think on this