

SENATOR HEFNER: ...especially at this time because, when we've only had a law in effect for three years, we can hardly tell whether it is working or not. I want to ask you, what are we going to do with our farmers if we remove them from the land? We can't provide jobs for them...for all of them in our metropolitan areas. For instance, Omaha now has 6 percent unemployment rate. So I think the best place for them to be is on the land. Individuals should own the land, not corporations. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Higgins, then Senator Pappas.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. I was not prepared to speak to Initiative 300 this morning, but have been prompted to by another senators remarks. First of all, I want to say that Senator Bernice Labeledz called me this morning, in my office, about a quarter of eight and said that if anybody asked why she was absent, she wanted them to know that her brother-in-law died over the weekend and she was attending his funeral and, therefore, did not want anyone to consider the fact that she was absent because she was dodging Initiative 300. I was in my office this morning, trying to catch up on some mail from my constituents and also talking to a constituent. I had every intention of coming up here and voting with the people who have been after me for months to keep Initiative 300. I did not intend to speak to it, but since it was brought up that I, as a gubernatorial candidate, was not present, I was in my office, I was listening on the speaker and that is why I came up when I did. I knew there would be, eventually, a call of the house on this. I support Senator Johnson's kill motion, as I have promised the people who have written to me and who have called to me and said, please, please keep Initiative 300. I have not heard but from one, or two, or three people saying, put it on the ballot. The majority of my requests have been to keep it. Since I told them I would, I will vote for the kill motion. If that will fail, I will vote against LR 16CA. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Pappas, please, then Senator Vickers.

SENATOR PAPPAS: Mr. Speaker, colleagues, I rise to oppose the kill motion and point out several things and I'll probably come back later and point out several things more and probably later and point out several things more. But I