

for instance, of the sandhills. There is some ground available for \$60 an acre. There has been some sold for \$60 an acre. We are not going to prevent that person from also making a purchase. I do fear the corporations coming in and making this lifetime purchase so I am not voting on this particular vote in order to allow corporations to come in and make these purchases at the expense of our Nebraska farmers. I am voting for the reconsideration motion because I feel deeply about Nebraska and our economy, the unemployed. I feel deeply about the social programs that are not going to be funded, about the education cutbacks that are going to take place, and I will do everything within my power, as many of you will, to see that this does not happen to our state, that we don't accelerate the downward spiral of our economy. How do we do this? We get some additional food processing and some corporate or limited partnership...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR HARRIS: ...or partnership cattle operations in the State of Nebraska. We have a lot of good ranchers in this state that have had their cattle sold out from under them because the bank wanted or the lender wanted cash. And the livestock represented cash. They need some cattle to fill their operations. Where is this going to come from? Not from Nebraska farmers, not from Nebraska bankers. The money for this is going to come from outside this state. This is going on right now, went on last year. Also we have to remember we have one of the biggest food processing industries in the world in this chain we have of raising the grain, having the feedlots available, and also the killing operations in our packing plants, and I call it a "red meat" factory. We need to make sure this red meat factory stays in place and is operational and can work for the benefit of us all. I don't know what else we are going to do with our grains out here. I have an ethanol proposal in with Senator Schmit.

PRESIDENT: Your time is up.

SENATOR HARRIS: That is one option. The other option is to vote to reconsider this last move that we made on Initiative 300. I think it will help the state's economy. Thank you.