

would be to many young farmers benefit if they would incorporate and do their farming as a business like the man up and down main street. Senator Hefner, as I respect his position, but he said the other day or he said again this morning the owner should be the operator. I am sure that is not true in his business. The people that work in that business, he has many employees that have no hope of ever owning a business of that type. The family grocery store is gone. I remember as a small boy our little old radio that only worked about one day out of the week or usually it was not working, but out of Tennessee, I think, there was an evangelist that said these chain stores were wrecking this country. We had to do away with the chain stores. You can't stand in the way of economic progress. Things are changing. As I say, the strongest supporters of Initiative 300 have not read the bill, most of them have not, and do not understand all the implications. It needs major surgery but I am not going to vote to reconsider it because we have not done our selling job. It will fail if it gets on the ballot. I think maybe another year that we can take some time then and reconsider the bill and do some major surgery on it but I can't support it today. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, a number of people have pointed out that individuals who support Initiative 300 have not read it. There are many bills that go across the floor of this Legislature which the legislators have not read. So that is not a good argument in this particular context when it is not considered a good argument when senators are voting on bills that we are going to enact into law. There are symbols and there are realities. People often grasp and see a greater substance in the symbol than they do in the reality. Initiative 300 is perceived by the people in agriculture and in rural areas as a pathway to salvation or a possible pathway to salvation. It was placed on the ballot through efforts by the people. It has not been in place long enough for the Legislature to arrogate to itself the power to try to overturn that decision. Now the bankers had a number of comments in today's paper or yesterday's paper about how they were not organized on this issue the first time around, but since then, they have had a chance to get their troops together, talk to people in the