

least there used to be enough capital available for individual farmers or ranchers to operate outfits of that size, you don't know a whole lot about the Sandhills in Nebraska. You don't have to be a multinational corporation to run 3,000 head of cows in Nebraska and you don't have to be a corporation to put commercial cattle in a commercial feedlot. A lot of those ranchers that are individuals do so, and I could name a bunch of them if you wanted me to, they don't need to have tax-loss investors buying those cattle from them and putting them in. They can do it themselves, thank you, and, yes, those of us that go out there and punch cows know what corn is for. Corn, sorghum, all those crops that we raise like that are feed grains and, yeah, some of us as individuals buy them too. But I will tell you what, one of the reasons that we got so much troubles, now let's talk about the troubles. Sure, Initiative 300 didn't make the troubles and it is not going to solve the troubles. The troubles are we don't have any profit, and one of the reasons we don't have any profit, and one of the reasons I am having one hell of a time figuring out a cash flow that looks like it is going to be something my banker will accept is because I am paying so damn much in interest. Now all these folks that have been roaming the halls all morning down here are the people that are charging that interest. On the one hand they charge you enough to break you, and then they turn around and say now that you are down we want you to change the Constitution so we can come in and buy you out. That is what is happening, and that is substance, and that is reality. And if this body wants to allow that to happen, you are going to allow it to happen without my help, and you had better go out and explain it to the folks out there like Senator Chambers talked about. You had better be able to go out and talk to the real people because they know what is going on too. They don't turn to government and ask for help. What they would like to do is turn to government and say quit hurting us so damn much. If those people who have been running up and down the halls out here this morning would be half as willing to lower the interest rates so they didn't have to build their little monuments all over the place with plush carpets so that it would make it easier on our knees when we got down on them, then maybe we could have cash flow, we would have some profit, we would buy the corn, we would feed the cattle, and we would have people out there in the country for the small towns to survive with. My hometown is dying.