

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR VICKERS: And it is dying because it serves people, not acres. The acres are still out there, and when those people are gone, the towns are going to be gone and we are going to wonder what happened to us. And, no, Initiative 300 is not going to solve the whole situation but it is sure one big piece of it. I urge you to reject this motion to reconsider.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Sieck.

SENATOR SIECK: Mr. President and members of the body, I also plead to you to reject this motion. As many of you have said, the people have made a decision and we are willing to live by it. And you have heard some pleading that it is hurting our state. I don't agree with you. I just absolutely do not agree with you. We will raise those cattle in this state regardless. We have the grass, and they are going to be fed in this state. There is dollars out there to feed them. There is many dollars out there but why should we give the profit to some outside interest and that is what is happening. By the way, a commercial corporation hog yard was in my community. It went bankrupt. The individuals who owned it are well-paid individuals. They are doing well. But do you know who got stuck? The power district, the feed company, and the manager on that individual farm that was trying to make the operation go. They lost their money. The individuals that owned it, they are walking free. I also have in my community a corporate horse ranch. It isn't going bottom up but it must be having trouble. They are not paying their fuel bill, they are not paying their feed bills, and they are having real difficulty collecting. Yet the individual, the main owner of that is driving a Cadillac over in Iowa. Do we want that here? I don't. My community is solid. We are not in trouble like a lot of areas are but it wasn't because of Initiative 300 that these people are in trouble. I just know that is not the reason. It is because of the economy and we raised too much and we lost the export market. By the way, do you know in India that they are exporting wheat today. Where is it coming from? From the region that is a good productive region that has 20 acre farms. The biggest is 160 acres. Yet they are competing with us. We can do the same thing. That is one of our problems. It isn't Initiative 300. I am