

SENATOR CONWAY: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, I rise in support of the reconsideration vote, and not for the reason to follow through with LR 16 in the sense of the repeal, but as many of you are aware, I have offered an amendment that we will never get to see and never get to debate and never get to discuss some of the ramifications of other techniques, other than Initiative 300. I think that without a doubt there is probably at least a dozen other senators in this body that are viewing the reconsideration vote not as a vote to continue with an outright repeal but to look at other opportunities, and unless we continue with a vehicle such as LR 16 provides, I don't think we are going to be in a position to follow through with any other opportunities that we may have seen in the past. I passed out to many of you in the last few days information that I used to come up with the amendment that I would like to offer if we ever get past the reconsideration, and in so doing, I think I have given an earnest display of my desire to look at 300. We have talked about some of the difficulties that 300 creates, and I think if we look at some of the information that is passed out, you will get a sense for what my amendment does. Now the amendment in itself was offered or I wrote up in isolation and would certainly be open for input to make any fine tuning adjustments that basically go with it, but the crux of it boiled down, and it goes back to my analysis of 300 back pre-1982 when the voters passed into our Constitution the current Initiative 300 language. I am going to take just a second to read, as I think has been read into the record before, but just a second to read what I think that the voters of Nebraska voted for. This was the Attorney General's language describing to the voters when they went to the polls for Initiative 300 what it was they were voting for, and it reads and I quote, "A vote for will create a constitutional prohibition against further purchase of Nebraska farm and ranchland by any corporation or syndicate other than a Nebraska family farm corporation. A vote against will reject such constitutional restriction on ownership of Nebraska farm and ranchland." I truly believe that that is what the people voted for. They did not feel, and given the information that was around and the concerns, and if you will remember right, some of this came out of everything from the Iranian crisis, money coming in from the Middle East, and the concern and the threats that the Arabs are going to move in and buy all of our farmland, and so forth and so on, that there was quite an emotional ploy at