

act by virtue of not having any constitutional language that allowed us to treat farming corporations differently than others. So I think that I will probably come back to speak on this before it is over, but I think if we look down the road and look at the opportunities that we have, and again we are not repealing it. The best we can do is put it on ballot and let the people make a decision as to whether they want to keep the language they now have...

PRESIDENT: Time is expired.

SENATOR CONWAY: ...or if they want to look at the opportunities we may be able to put in front of them come November. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Baack. Following in speaking order is Senator Landis, Higgins, Johnson, Nichol, Haberman, and Hoagland, and Morehead. Senator Baack.

SENATOR BAACK: Mr. President and colleagues, I think most of the arguments have been made and I rise to support the reconsideration of this issue. I think most of the arguments have been made. We have talked about whether or not we should take this to a vote of the people again. We have talked about many of the things involved here. One of the things that I don't think that we have talked about very much is the flip side of this issue. When we have this in place, there are a certain number of family farmers, and farmers around this state that it puts them in a bind as far as actually selling their property. I happen to know of some instances in my district where there is a big ranch there that cannot be moved because there are no individual farmers or anything that have the kind of capital that it takes to buy such a big operation and, therefore, that operation can't be sold on the market. So I think we have to look at the flip side of this issue also. I think many of you received a letter from a farmer that lived in Alliance who said that when he sold his...when he was forced to sell his farm, because he couldn't sell it because Initiative 300 exist, he ended up having to go into bankruptcy and lost about \$60,000 because he couldn't sell his big operation. So I think these are some of the things we have to keep in mind on the flip side of this issue. I think that...I visited with a couple of farmers from my district on the phone this morning and they were very irate