

and they said how can you possibly go for the out and out repeal of Initiative 300 and I said I don't. I don't go for the out and out repeal of Initiative 300. I think Initiative 300 needs some adjustments, it needs some changes in it, and after I explained these changes to these gentlemen, they understood my position and were very willing to support my position. So I think we need to understand exactly what we are trying to do in here and I think that is what the reconsideration vote is all about. It gives us a chance to look at some of these things and to reconsider and to look at some amendments that are possible with this. I think the final thing I would like to say is I know this has been approached from many different angles but I am a small family farmer. I have a small farm. I am not incorporated with anyone and I think I can speak from that standpoint differently than a lot of other people in here. I am not afraid of competition from corporations as far as farming goes. I have watched the Gates Corporation in Colorado, near my farm, buy up thousands of acres of land and go broke. I am not afraid of their competition whatsoever, and we can put anything we want to in our Constitution, we can put it in statute or whatever. It is not going to raise the commodity prices, not one penny, and it is not going to save the family farm. You can't do it that way. You can't legislate saving the family farm. The only thing that is going to save the family farm is a rise in commodity prices and an increase in the profitability of farms. We can't do it through legislation. I would like to yield the rest of my time to Senator Harris. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Harris, you have about two minutes.

SENATOR HARRIS: Thank you, Senator Baack. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would like to make a couple of points that I think you ought to really think about when you are considering your vote on this particular motion. I want you to think about the future of the State of Nebraska and where we want to be in 10 or 20 years, and how if you make the wrong decision, it may affect the lives of your children, your children's children, the children of the people who are in support of Initiative 300. Sometimes we are just plain wrong. We get a wrong notion. Let me give you an example of a wrong notion that we are buying into in the ag sector, buying into the notion that if we eliminate government, as a matter of fact they estimate that with Gramm-Rudman by 1988 we would not have any money left for