

experience that is out there to look at. Who has done it? Nobody. Everybody seems to run off with, well, I think this is my impression of the situation and that is it. We are at an end. There is nobody in the Legislature right now I think capable of summoning the confidence of the public to undertake that study but I would make a suggestion, and I mean it to be a hopeful and helpful suggestion. I would suggest that we undertake the study of this issue in a way that will lead to making that public case. I think we need a citizens task force of up to 12 members, largely impartial members but there should be representation of the diehard factions so they get a fair chance to persuade the rest of what their point of view is. Secondly, there should be expert members from the Agricultural Economic Department at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, people very well trained in ag economics. Third, there should be public hearings around this state, not just in Lincoln where it is convenient to come to but across this state. Fourth, there should be a written document which attempts to quantify the experience this state has had under Initiative 300 that permits people to go on the record, not to write letters that are anonymous, not to come and sit facelessly in the groups that sometimes watch, but to go on record for and against the proposal, and why, and make those arguments stand up against each other, written document, by the way, that would permit us to examine suggested compromises. Now over and over again we have you know I have got some ideas, we ought to make some adjustments, we ought to make these tinkering. What tinkering? Where is the language, and even if that is the case, how do we have now the time to discuss meaningfully compromises? We don't. We have had now a period of time under the regime of Initiative 300, and that I did not think was wise at the time nor, by the way, do I think is very wise now because it is such a variation from free market principles. However, it is also a principle that has been laid in our Constitution at a heavy majority by popular democracy. I do not wish to ignore that easily but it seems to me is that this principle was sold on a couple of basic ideas.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: It will be good for agriculture. It is designed to do certain things. And what we need to do is to permit an impartial but expert group of citizens of this state to examine that promise and to see if that promise has