

by going out and selling that land to the big corporations at a bargain price. They even went so far as to send letters to certain senators who are up for reelection promising them money for their coming candidacy, and I am sure the implication was not lost upon some of those senators, and I am sure that some of the senators ignored the insinuation of the money being there for their campaign and still voted their own conscience when we first considered the repeal of Initiative 300. Thank God we still have senators like that. I would throw down a challenge to all of those who today say they are opposed to Initiative 300. Why are you opposed to getting out and walking the streets and getting the signatures to putting it on the ballot yourselves? Is it because you think you can influence 25 senators to do it for you?

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR HIGGINS: To override 80 percent of the voters in the State of Nebraska and say we are going to cram this down your throat because we are going to get 25 senators to switch and we are going to put it on the ballot and then we will spend the money to use the advertising to defeat this. Senator Landis is probably right. We probably should do some more studying on it, but as I have said before, the people have spoken, not the investors, not the moneymakers, but the people, and I pledged from the beginning I would vote with the people and not against the people, and I urge the rest of this body, vote with the people, not with the special interests. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Rod Johnson. Senator Nichol is next.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President and members, this issue poses a great difficulty for me as Chairman of the Ag Committee and I have had both sides jump up into my office and say, Rod, we would sure like to have you come out for this issue or against this issue because you are a spokesman for agriculture. I am sure Senator DeCamp will make sure and make a note of that, but it is a tough issue for me as a person and it is a tough issue for me in the position that I hold at this particular time. But I have to concur with many of the comments that Senator Vickers earlier mentioned in his earlier address to the body because he touched upon the realities of agriculture, of farming, and that is what I am most interested in because, to be honest with you, for