

on the books or not, I still think you are going to have family farmers out there whether they be big or small, but we have to also think of the message that we send today...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: ...to the state, and I would just like you to think of the realities, as Senator Vickers mentioned earlier and I guess what I tried to say in my address here this morning, that there are a number of perspectives that we pass over as we discuss the issue one way or the other and I appreciate the concerns and the comments that both sides have presented on this issue because it is important for the future of Nebraska and we shouldn't ignore it and I agree with what Senator DeCamp said earlier that this is probably the biggest issue that we have facing us as a state when we reflect on agriculture and the impacts that this issue will have along with several others as we have been discussing them throughout this session. With that, Mr. President, I would conclude my comments.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator. The Chair recognizes the Speaker, Senator Nichol.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I have not spoken on this bill this year and part of the reason for that was because I didn't feel either side was making any attempts to get along with the other side. Perhaps both sides have been a little pigheaded about what we are going to do and not going to do. A few days ago I heard two farm senators on this floor say, we are not doing a damn thing for the farmers. We give a lot of lip service but we haven't really done a thing for them in a way of trying to help them. As all of you know, we don't have resources, we don't have money in this state to be handing out a great deal of money to farmers such as the federal government does. We don't have the money. We can't do those sort of things. I have been somewhat covetous of the time that we spent on this bill this year, but I urge you to support the situation whereby we can at least talk about this. We can talk about it. We can see if we can do something that is a natural in this state. We spend our time, we spend our time and spin our wheels in trying to do various things for various people in the state. For example, industrial development bonds, NIFA to make on ag loans. We promote high tech institutions to come to the