

state; Department of Economic Development, tax situations that are advantageous to people who will come to the state. We spend money to encourage tourism in the state. We forgive sales tax on new businesses for development. The cities in the state are competing with the same industries, the same businesses, trying to get them in the state. We are all spending our money trying to help ourselves somewhat but we are not trying to do anything now in the way of this Initiative 300. You say, the farmers will get along anyway. Well, but perhaps the farmers would appreciate getting along a little bit better than they are the way the situation is at the moment. Let me give you one example, specific example. A man wanted to form a corporation and put in a feedlot in my county. What did he do? He went to Wyoming across the way. He has a feedlot there. He is here today if you would like to talk to him. He did it because of Initiative 300 and he is happy he did it. Shipped in 500 carloads of corn to his feedlot in Wyoming across the line, employing people out of Wyoming. The profits are made in Wyoming. The taxes are paid in Wyoming. We are not getting it in this state and I understand, although I don't have the name of the packing company that was interested in having such an operation in western Nebraska, no packing situation of any size in western Nebraska that I know of, a few small ones, not much, don't generate much money. One of the members of this Legislature said sometime ago, a few minutes ago, that cattle feeding was up in the state and the other day when I was driving from Scottsbluff to Lincoln I heard several times the president of a farm organization say over the radio, farming, cattle feeding in Nebraska is up. How much? One percent. Big deal in three years, up 1 percent. What have the other states done? Several of them have done much better at that and they are laughing at us for sitting here doing nothing. Farmers, members of this Legislature, we are not doing anything, this is a good time to vote no and not reconsider and say, farmers, take it the way it is, we are not going to do anything for you. The reason I would like to have you reconsider this is, in my opinion, when 300 was passed, I think the rural people in the state had in mind shutting out the Prudentials, the Foxleys, the Metropolitan Insurance Company, from coming in and buying large chunks of land, breaking it up, letting it blow, blowing sand over on their property, ruining land that should never have been broken up.

PRESIDENT: One minute.