

look that they destroyed it themselves. And you can go throughout history and you can pick almost any period of time, any country, any economy, when a major industry or a country's economy is destroyed it isn't done by somebody else. It is done by the individuals to themselves because they either get too greedy or they try to make sure that the new innovation, the new competition, whatever is there on the horizon, is kept out. I can use obsolete examples but they are just as realistic today. Ely Whitney, the cotton gin, we were going to stop this new innovation because it was going to destroy all of the workers. The Luddites, running around destroying the mills in England because they weren't going to have this new innovation come in. You have got the same thing going on here. You have a boogeyman and that is all we are hearing this morning, the same old argument that was put forth before. Greedy bankers, big corporations, whatever name you can ascribe and you don't deal with the issue, you simply call names. That is what Initiative 300 is all about, an emotional thing because of hard times and difficult problems and so you reach out and you dredge up a boogeyman. Did Prudential make your corn price go up or down? Did Prudential draw your interest rates up or down, necessarily? Did they control that? Did the greedy bankers do it? Or is it a product of the entire economy? What are your real problems in agriculture? Remember this...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR DECAMP: ...in that open system that existed, you created in Nebraska the following, the number one cattle producing state in the United States, which today...a few years ago was the number one, complete processing unit. Now you are standing on the verge of destroying it. You talk about delays, studies, fine. The first chance you will have to vote on this again and change it, because only the people by a vote can change it, is three complete agricultural seasons. The steel industry was destroyed over a less period of time than that. You are not going to destroy Nebraska's agricultural economy overnight or rebuild it overnight. But you can lay in place the pieces that cause the destruction over a reasonable period of time. Initiative 300 is that piece and by the time you vote on it again, you will have reaped a harvest and the next Governor, be they Republican, Democrat, male, female, whatever, unless you make this change...