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PRESIDENT: Time is up.

SENATOR DECAMP: ...and protect at least the livestock industry...

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SENATOR DECAMP: ...you will be presiding over a funeral for Nebraska's agricultural economy rather than a rebirth. You do have the number one potential food factory for red meat in the world and you have the pieces there for its destruction before the people can vote again, enough destruction...

PRESIDENT: Your time has expired.

SENATOR DECAMP: ...that won't be able to be rehabilitated.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. President and colleagues, I intend to support this motion to reconsider, not because I support the repeal of Initiative 300 and certainly not because I support riddling Initiative 300 with loopholes, but because I like to preserve LR 16 as a vehicle for some constructive consensus changes around the edges of LB 300 that people conclude after a careful process are necessary to make it work better. Now, obviously, Initiative 300 represents a major change in farm ownership, no question about that. In the eight years I have been here in the Legislature, I have seen us enact in other major areas, support complicated proposals, pass complicated proposals that have brought about major changes and those proposals always need refinement. They virtually always need refinement to save the basic thrust, to save the basic purpose to make it work better. I think particularly the Sunshine Act that the Legislature passed in 1976, a complicated piece of legislation, set up the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission, established disclosure requirements for candidates, for lobbyists and others and since then a number of us, Senator Johnson, myself, Senator Landis, have been participating...have participated, Senator Beutler, in a series of ongoing bills to make that work better, to smooth off the roughened edges, to repeal and to modify some of the sections that are not essential, recognizing that no