

meet changing times, they are, in fact, shackled. This is a volatile ag economy. We don't have a lot of sympathy in Washington except I would practically say none, and yet we cannot change and that is a tragedy to hamstringing ourselves in this way. We are grappling with a problem in here. Senator Remmers made some very good arguments. Senator Landis made some very good arguments. Senator DeCamp makes some very good arguments. I guess where I finally come down is this, I have been supporting Senator Conway's amendment because he is trying to address the problem that gives us the flexibility, but what we are doing is piecemealing. We are trying to put together major legislation on this floor through emotionalism that is not giving us a thoughtful outlook. I think Initiative 300 needs to be changed. I think it is doing us some damage, but I think we may damage it more in the manner in which we are attempting to help than if we go at this in a thoughtful way. I did vote to keep it alive last time...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: ...but I am not going to vote for reconsideration this time. Like the bank issue last year, I think we will force the groups to come together to give us a workable, acceptable solution and give us the flexibility for change that we all so desperately need. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Rupp.

SENATOR RUPP: Mr. President and colleagues, the debate this morning has turned into the same thing that the conversations with our constituents usually do when we talk about this issue, a lot of rhetoric, a lot of demagoguery, awful lot of emotion and not much facts. I am going to pick up where I left off before and read some things into the record. The first thing I want to respond to is Senator Vickers' remarks about the lending institutions. I hate to see this boil down into the haves versus the have-nots and us little guys have got to stick together sort of a syndrome because that doesn't add anything to the debate. I have a letter here to Mr. Keith Carlson, National Bank of Commerce, from a law firm in North Platte. It addresses specifically what Senator Vickers said, and I quote. "The second effect which we perceive Initiative 300 as having had is to substantially reduce the long term lenders willing to maintain a presence in Nebraska. Prudential is, of course,