

Initiative 300 we have sold no systems in Nebraska." None, zero. "We now concentrate our business activities in states that welcome new business and recognize the advantages that it brings. In the first ten months of 1985 we built approximately \$10,000,000 worth of confinement systems outside Nebraska. These projects could have been located here except for Initiative 300." Now, I understand the folks in the balcony in their thinking. If I raised a few head of hogs on a 160 acre farm, I would not like Sand Livestock Systems. They call them hog factories and they literally have no use for them. I can appreciate that point of view. What I am asking you is, and someone explain to me how they are not still competing with those hog systems. They are just located now in Michigan or Colorado, or whatever. They have not lessened the competition. They have just pushed it out of state. They are still competing with them.

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR RUPP: They have not hurt these groups. They have hurt Nebraska. They have hurt our economy. With the minute I have left I would like to ask Senator Vard Johnson a question, please. Senator Johnson, would you yield to a question? You haven't spoken today but I would like you just to address this if you do speak later on. We have driven some large commercial feedlots out of Nebraska. The Don Steen Feedlot has been discussed already in particular. Those jobs are located in Wyoming. The meat packing, the peripheral industries, the veterinary work, the feed buying, the grain consumption, and so forth, is all in Wyoming. Are we not still competing against that same feedlot even though he has moved across the state line?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: I assume we are.

SENATOR RUPP: How, in fact, then has that helped us? To lose that economic activity, to lose those taxes, I am missing something. How has that helped us? The competition is still there. We should never forget that for a moment. How has that helped anyone in Nebraska?

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: That particular loss has probably not helped any person in Nebraska.

SENATOR RUPP: Thank you.