

compromise. I think that is possible and reasonable and reachable on Initiative 300. I, as one individual, commit myself to do whatever is reasonable, so long as we can end up basically removing the most detrimental and damaging protectionism aspects of this particular proposal, Initiative 300. At the same time, unless it is approached on the same basis by the other people, we'll end up in a stalemate. I certainly hope that won't occur. Better, I suppose, to do nothing and let the horrible consequences, that I think are going to occur, occur than to essentially do nothing by putting something on the ballot and portray to the people that you are doing something. So I would think it is the responsibility of the Legislature to say, Exec Board, appoint committee members, or some committee appoint committee members. I do believe, with respect to the Governor, that it would not be unwise to contact him and find out whether he has any interest, any interest whatsoever in being involved in this. It was my indication, just from reading the news media, that he felt that Initiative 300 was something that shouldn't be touched or dealt with. At the same token...or at the same time, maybe if this is the middle ground that gets us launched, I'll support it. If this is the move toward the middle that is necessary to make sure we start dealing with the issue, it is a beginning and you can't walk the mile until you take the first step. So, to the degree that this begins to be movement toward a resolution, I'm going to support it. I'm hoping that we'll all try to come up with something that will benefit the state, and that none of us, on any side, on any side or either side will let ourselves be victims of intimidation, threats, fear, those kind of things, because it is my honest opinion, at this time, that that is almost exclusively what is dominating the whole subject of Initiative 300, and that there are the silent majority, to use a word out there, who do know that something needs to be done. But even in the communities, as so frequently happens, they are afraid to speak up for fear of this or that happening. So I would hope we could get going on this as quickly as possible and we could find that middle ground.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Landis, you are next, but let me say just a word if I might. You are going to be getting some cupcakes in a minute. For that you owe Andrea Eret a thank you. Now Andrea is a new granddaughter born to the son of Senator Eret, who was born last Wednesday at Seward, Nebraska. So we thank you, Senator Eret, for