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over the years. He was active in many civic and local organizations, and he was a successful businessman in the Geneva community. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Is there discussion on LR 341? If not, the motion is to adopt the resolution. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. We're voting on the adoption of the resolution acknowledging the passing of Mr. Apley in Senator Eret's district. Please record your vote. Have you all voted? Record the vote, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the resolution.

PRESIDENT: The resolution is adopted. Another resolution, 342.

CLERK: Mr. President, 342 is offered by Senators Vickers, Nelson, Rod Johnson and Schmit. It is on page 746 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Mr. President, members, this resolution is a little more important than some of the resolutions that this body might deal with in terms of long-term effects to the people of the State of Nebraska. This resolution is recognizing a situation that is currently before the Congress of the United States. That situation is that the Department of Agriculture has made the determination to eliminate funding for two of the long-standing conservation programs that the federal government has operated, the ACP program and the Great Plains Program, and instead put all of the funds for conservation into the Conservation Reserve Program which is part of the new farm bill. The end result of all of that is that there will be no assistance to agricultural producers, as far as conservation is concerned, on those lands that are actually in production, those lands that are actually producing crops, the lands, quite frankly, that have the greatest potential for erosion problems. Instead, all of the funds will be available only for lands to be taken out of production for long-term conservation programs, which I don't disagree with, but these lands will be taken out under a bid mechanism, which means that only those people who can afford to bid a lower price to remove their land from production will be the ones who will get the