

about. And I don't know even if the study does bring a specific answer to us, one way or the other, that it will change anybody's minds. But I would certainly like to see the committee consider that there are those in the middle of this issue that have been swaying back and forth, both on the kill motion and now on the reconsideration motion that probably should be included on this list. Maybe the Governor will appoint those individuals. But I just want to throw that out because it seems to me that we've stacked the committee both ways, with very strong proponents and very strong opponents, but very few people that are swinging back and forth on the issue.

PRESIDENT: Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, colleagues, I just rise to agree, I guess, with Senator Johnson's statement. I really have my doubts about what this study is going to accomplish. I think it is going to be decided eventually by the members of the Legislature. I think it is going to be the group in the middle that is probably going to be deciding. I think someone like Senator Johnson, who is the head of the Agriculture Committee, probably should be one of the members that is included in this. I think he sought a middle ground in this solution. By having three proponents and three opponents on the committee, I think they will have a good discussion in the committee, but I have my doubts about whether there will be any middle ground once they've talked about it for a month. I think we are going to come back, on March 15, or sooner, or whenever we do eventually get to LR 16 and be faced with the same problems that we faced prior to this. I think that is probably unfortunate, but...simply because we do have a lot of issues that we are going to be discussing. But I would hope that the committee would look to other members of the committee such as Senator Johnson and other people that are involved with the agricultural issue on a firsthand basis. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nelson. Senator Nelson, do you wish to speak? (Gavel.)

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I, too, agree with Senator Johnson. If we don't have this, a committee that, hopefully, can come out with the straightforward facts, no distortion, I think that there is a lot of...this has gone to a lot of legal matters which we