

loans or, instead, has a problem loan that the authority will probably not touch, again, a major concern of mine. I guess I would conclude, Mr. President, by saying at this point I can support the bill and would urge the body to do likewise. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Harris, please.

SENATOR HARRIS: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I want to start off by saying that I am going to support this bill. It does give some additional options that are not available at the present time in agriculture. I can't imagine anyone wanting to invest in a second position in agricultural property paper in the State of Nebraska or what I call the row crop states. But at least it sets up an authority, it is not going to be a tremendous bureaucracy set up. But I do want to point out several things, and this I want to basically point out to some of the conservative members of this Legislature that here we are again getting government involved, getting more involved as a result of our federal actions. I noticed the other day that when we are running short on capital for agriculture, in planting this year, that the thing that freed up some capital for the Farm Home Administration and some other things that are going on is Virginia Smith, the Congresswoman from the 3rd District, sitting down with the President and telling him what she had on her mind, and what it was going to take to get her to consider certain things as far as votes, and apparently she put a little pressure. Then she didn't get a call from the President's staff, or from the President right away. She got a call from his political person, Mr. Nofzinger, whatever, and so he called, visited with her for awhile, and then the President called. Suddenly there were hundreds of millions of dollars that were freed up that were being held up for one reason or another, and things were on the way. I mean that is the general gist of the story. Well, my point is that we need to look to Washington, by doing this that we are talking about putting into law is not going to solve the problems of agriculture. It is not going to bring profitability back to agriculture. It is probably something that is not going to do any damage to agriculture. I don't see that it is going to do that much good, quite frankly. But I want to close by pointing out, and I'm going to make copies available to you on this particular paper, a federal reserve publication out of St. Louis. It has a bunch of incredible statements in the