

Committee or some of the other committees I serve on. But on the other hand, I just want to say that I think this is a program that the Agriculture Committee and the Business and Labor Committee had a joint hearing on to listen to the budget and the need. I think that it has shown that there is a sincere desire, by many people, to try and utilize a program in a way in which they can transform their lives away from agriculture into other areas, either closely associated with ag, or completely away from it that would allow these people to go on being productive citizens of the State of Nebraska. So I would be very supportive of the program and I think that it does have a place in our state government policy. And I'm hoping that we can put the money in the program and hopefully make it work.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Thank you, Senator Johnson. Senator Bill Harris, please.

SENATOR HARRIS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I get that ominous feeling again that I had when I was fighting for the depositors at Commonwealth. That as time went on we are going to lose the battle, that there was going to be an ignoring of the actual participation and the plans that were made by government in regard to these unfortunate people. And I see the same thing kind of happening here. We have hundreds of thousands of farmers that are being displaced over a period of time according to the government figures, according to the program analysis from our own government that is making the farm program up, saying as many as 1 million farmers will be eliminated by the end of this century. And in the small print they say that the number of farmers that are producing most of the crops will drop from 700,000, in number, down to 50,000. And then we kind of let everything go by the wayside and say that these folks are responsible some how for getting themselves into this predicament and getting themselves into this situation. We should not ignore these people. I hate the concept of relocation and retraining when I know in my own heart that there is plenty of work to go around for all of these people in the agricultural area. I think that this particular motion of Senator Vickers is a commendable motion, it is one that we ought to support, it is one that we are going to be counting on more and more in this state to handle the needs of a dislocated, disenfranchised group of people. I strongly support the adoption of the Vickers amendment in regard to the appropriation of \$250,000. Thank