

goals have been accomplished. Goal, number one, was to cause an informational and educational campaign to occur for legislators, for farmers, for businessmen, and for interested Nebraskans on the entire subject of "Initiative 300," commonly known as the Family Farm Preservation Act. As recently as six or eight months ago I recall a pretty intense poll that showed that about 55 percent of the population didn't really have that much knowledge of what Initiative 300 was. Recent polls have indicated that about 85 percent of the population now are pretty familiar with it one way or the other. Whether they agree or disagree, at least they have become informed on it so that goal has been accomplished. My second goal was to try to convince people, whether they be in favor of Initiative 300 or whether they be against Initiative 300, to try to convince them through that educational and informational process that Initiative 300 is flawed and does have to have major alterations, or at least alterations. I think it fair to say that whether you are for Initiative 300 or against Initiative 300, whether you think that Initiative 300 should be kept and the DeCamp should be repealed, as I see rather regularly these days on bumper stickers, no matter what side of that issue you are on, you have to conclude indeed there are problems, and in some format one way or another, somebody is going to have to face up to these problems. My third goal with respect to LR 16 was to cause the repeal of Initiative 300. In order to do that, in order to do that, I acceded to and accepted the idea of a task force composed of people appointed by the Governor who himself had said no change is appropriate or necessary, and that task force came up, as everybody knows, with a variety of proposals. I felt them a reasonable middle ground. It is my understanding from many times polling of the individual senators that there probably are not 30 votes for any particular program of change even though everyone, all 49 senators, I believe, would acknowledge major change or at least change is necessary. A challenge was made by Marty Strange, an individual, by the way, who I respect, I kind of like even though we happen to be on opposite sides in this particular issue, and that proposal or challenge from him was to this effect. If you feel so strongly about it, why don't you take the time and go out and do what we did, in other words, get the signatures, get a petition, and do exactly what the supporters of Initiative 300 did. I think that is a reasonable proposal. I think that is reasonable in light of the fact that two out of the three goals I wanted I think it is fair to say have been accomplished. So I am going to accept that challenge, burden, and go that route, and ask unanimous consent to bracket indefinitely LR 16.