

together the resolution hoping that we will go on record as the legislative body in supporting our concerns, as being sympathetic and aware of the problems relating to the migrant workers in the state, and the related problems with local communities, governments and agencies. I will be looking at chairing an interim study on this problem, and perhaps preparing legislation to deal with it. I ask the body to go on record in this concern with me. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Rod Johnson, please.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, members, I felt compelled to get up and say a few words on behalf of Senator Smith's resolution because the problem she is expressing is one that is not just confined to her particular area, but also I'm sure to Senator Nelson's area and my area as we have a lot of migrant workers that come up to row principally soybean fields. In fact I can remember last summer, several times, being stopped by workers to ask for work as you were driving through the field. And in some cases I do know of families that simply camped out at abandoned farm sites for shelter and for cooking purposes, basically cooked over an open fire. And needless to say there were not many sanitary conditions for those people. And I think it is important for this state and this Legislature to recognize this is a growing problem. And as soybeans become a more prevalent crop in Nebraska, I think it is important to recognize that migrant workers are going to continue to come to Nebraska for employment. And there are certainly those individuals, very unscrupulous individuals, many times the same nationality of the individuals that are being employed that are being taken advantage of. I think that is what Senator Smith is bringing to our attention. It has caused a severe drain or stress upon the resources of the local areas. And I think it is important for us to recognize that. I hope that Senator Smith's resolution will be adopted unanimously. I wish her the best of success in her study of this particular problem because I think it is one that is very real and one that needs to be addressed very soon in the state's future.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I strongly support Senator Smith's resolution. I have just gotten in. I was listening on my little speaker box. And not only do I support the resolution, but if she would accept ad hoc assistance in her study, I would like to be a part of it to the