

the agriculture conservation corporation, I might support it. So I urge you to consider this aspect, that we don't want the government in the position of owning the farmland, I call it collectivization of American agriculture, we go exactly the opposite way, historically, with a Homestead Act, with all of the actions that have taken place ever since, and this would directly benefit the lenders and not the farmers. Keep that in mind. It will benefit directly the lenders and not the farmers. Therefore, I urge you to oppose this resolution.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Mr. Clerk, I hear we have an amendment.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Beutler would move to amend Senator DeCamp's resolution. (Read Beutler amendment as found on pages 101-02 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, first of all it is not just my resolution. Senator Schmit and Senator Vickers and Senator Carsten are all on the resolution. Excuse me, Senator Rogers, not Senator Carsten. The basic thrust of the resolution is to change the emphasis of the DeCamp resolution. Basically it is to say that what we need to do is to stabilize the farm credit system. It takes out the provision that relates it to commercial banks and simply indicates that what we need to do is to stabilize the system. I can't claim to be an expert, to the extent that a great many people in this body can, on farm matters. But it is quite clear to me and was quite clear to me from February of last year, or from February of this year when we went to Washington, that the health especially in the short term of our agricultural economy depends to some extent on that credit system, on the viability of that credit system and on the continued operation of that credit system over the next few years. It seems clear to me that we cannot and should not do anything that discourages the federal government from stabilizing that system in such a manner as to continue to provide reasonable credit to farmers everywhere, especially in this state. For that reason the resolution, basically, says and recommends to Congress and the president to take appropriate action, including financial assistance, without describing what kind of financial assistance would be involved, to assure a stable farm credit system. That is essentially all that it does.