

refresh our memories, I guess I might say. Now we are starting on your amendment to the resolution.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I'm not sure that I'm the one that should be speaking to it primarily, but I'll give some of my time to Senator Vickers and the other introducers, Senator Rogers. Basically, the amendment that has been offered is a substitute amendment, that is, it purports a substitute for all the principal language contained in the DeCamp amendment and the problem from our point of view, the principal problem from our point of view with the DeCamp amendment is that it really seems to me that it is putting conditions upon the bail out of the Farm Credit System. And that condition, of course, has to do with the position of bankers in this whole situation, and to me it has seemed that that question, although it might be important, is not so important as to say we don't want any federal help unless it's done this way. It seems to me that the situation is so critical, the credit situation is so critical that we can't be putting conditions upon our acceptance of federal assistance. That's ridiculous in this situation. So, the amendment that is being proposed to you simply says that we ask the Congress and President to take appropriate action, including financial assistance, and the purpose of that appropriate action is to assure a stable Farm Credit System. It doesn't say to do it in any particular way. It doesn't say how you relate the whole solution to the bankers' role, the commercial bankers' role. It simply says that we need a stable Farm Credit System and it also says that we think that this federal assistance should be forthcoming because of the detrimental reliance of Nebraska farmers on the system and that the assistance should be forthcoming whether or not the federal government has a legal obligation to do so. And the third part of the amendment simply directs the Clerk of the Legislature to send copies of the resolution to the appropriate federal officials. So that's what the amendment says and I think that from the point of view of Nebraska farmers and Nebraska rural communities that it makes much more sense for us to say what is in this amendment than to try to dictate to the federal government that we're only going to accept their assistance under certain conditions, especially when that condition is not, relatively speaking, a major point in this whole situation. So that's what the amendment does. Senator Vickers, did you want to comment on the amendment?