

SPEAKER NICHOL: Excuse me a minute, gentlemen. We have an amendment to the amendment. Perhaps we'd better take up that first. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Lamb would move to amend the Beutler et al. amendment by striking Section 2 of the "Now therefore be it resolved" portion.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, I, too, have concerns about the resolution as offered by Senator DeCamp and I would support Senator Beutler's amendment, but I don't like the number two part of it. I think there is language in there which is not necessary, that muddies the waters a bit, and to clarify the whole situation, it would be better if that was stricken. That's the language which talks about moral obligation. I think we're mixing up another issue in this thing when we're talking about this moral obligation. If you care to look at page 102 of the Journal, you'll see that Senator Beutler's amendment is on there and so I would just strike this language in number two which says that the Nebraska Legislature understands that the federal government may have no legal obligation to provide such assistance, but request such assistance in response to a moral obligation to the farmers of Nebraska and the several states. I'm not sure that the government does have a moral obligation to Nebraska or to the farmers and I think in order to clarify the whole situation it would be better if that paragraph were stricken and so I offer this amendment.

SPEAKER NICHOL: I have cleared the board of the speakers but we've made a list of them, so if you wish to speak to the Lamb amendment, please put your light on again. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I think it will be a great, great error to adopt Senator Lamb's proposed amendment and I'll tell you why. Because it doesn't clear the waters. In fact, it muddies the waters even more. What our amendment does is simply say we need help to stabilize this system because a third of our financing is done through this system. We don't care whether you find as a legal matter that the federal government has an obligation to do it or whether you find