

help for the Farm Credit System unless...

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Thirty seconds.

SENATOR LAMB: ...private banks are also bailed out, it is not going to happen. The Farm Credit System goes down and we'll be in real chaos. So we're looking for a middle ground.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, Senator DeCamp didn't really address the Lamb amendment and we've been off for some time away from the Lamb amendment. But the Lamb amendment, the second amendment, essentially does nothing different than the first amendment did. It's another way of restating the first amendment. Now once again, Senator Lamb is willing to sacrifice agriculture upon the cross of consistency because what he is effectively saying is, he is dropping the language that talks about the moral obligation and he is effectively saying to the federal government, we don't want your help unless you have a legal obligation to help us, and if those are the terms, once again, upon which we're requesting help, I assure you, we will get no help. We will get no help because there is no legal obligation. So once again, I don't think that we should put ourselves in the position of putting conditions upon the federal assistance and we have already argued this issue and I think we should move on to other issues.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Senator Vickers.

SENATOR VICKERS: Madam President, members, I, too, oppose the Lamb amendment, and if I understood the Clerk correctly when the Clerk was reading the amendment, Mr. Clerk, could I ask you to read the amendment one more time, the second part, or the new change, the new language?

CLERK: Senator Lamb's amendment?

SENATOR VICKERS: Yes.

CLERK: Yes, sir. He would amend it, Senator, in Section 2 following the "Be it resolved clause," place a period and after the word assistance, strike the words, "in response to a moral obligation to the farmers of Nebraska and the