

15 years have demonstrated that they did not care. So as the result, they were committed to the low cost food policy and notwithstanding the rhetoric that comes out of Washington regularly during an election year, that is still the position they hold. And I want to say once again that if you wanted to solve the problems of the Farm Credit System, solve the problems of the Midwest banking system, the 4,000 Midwest banks, solve all the problems that affect us, including the problems that face this state, you could do it in a matter of minutes and the Secretary of Agriculture has the means right now. All he needs to do is to set aside into a food for peace program or an alcohol fuels program, a sufficient quantity of the commodities so that the market system will respond accordingly and bring the price of commodities above the target price levels. It would not cost the federal government a dime. It would, in fact, save them eight or \$10 billion they will have to pay out otherwise to make up the target price deficiency to farmers. Why don't they do it? Because they want cheap grain. They want cheap grain. They want to bankrupt American agriculture. They want the Middle West. They want the entire Middle West to be responsible for bidding out the inflationary policies of the past 40 years of the federal government. We have to be stupid. We have to be foolish to take the abuse lying down. It's like working...if I were to ask any employee of the State of Nebraska or any individual who works here to work all year, to pay all their operating cost, to pay all their travel expense and at the end of the year come to me and say well, Schmit, what will you pay me for my year's labor, they'd say you've got to be foolish. I'm not going to do that. You're a nice guy but I won't trust you. That is what American agriculture has done always and do you know what? That's why we're getting what we're getting right now, a kick in the seat of the pants, a slap in the face and the brushoff. So I'm telling you right now, this resolution is a weak acknowledgement of what has happened, but at least it's some kind of acknowledgement. And for anyone to stand up here and say, we've brung it all on ourselves, we were foolish, we did this, did that wrong, we had bad management, let me tell you something. Cut the salary of state employees by 30 percent...

SENATOR HABERMAN: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...see how many of them will be solvent three weeks from now or three months from now, not very