

saying is this, Senator DeCamp, if the rest of you will listen. We are asking that there be some stability created in the system and again, and I can do so, honestly, because I have done it many times in the past, I can say when you do that you're going to assist the entire economy of the Middle West and that's what is important.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Vickers. Senator Vickers, there are no more speakers so, do you wish to close? Oh, wait a minute, Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, I'd like to, before I begin speaking and you run your timer, I would like to have a point of order. There is an identical resolution apparently, essentially identical, following mine. It is sponsored by Senator Beutler and others. It would seem inappropriate that their resolution is obviously the next resolution. Why do they need to gut mine and put mine into it? Is their resolution even germane or...

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator DeCamp, it is the prerogative of the member to amend if you wish, if it is germane and it is germane.

SENATOR DECAMP: Okay. Well I would urge you not to vote for Senator Vickers' amendment because as I say, it does nothing other than, on a very serious problem say, do something, federal government. My resolution deals with a specific proposal before the federal government and it says, don't do this particular solution that you're being asked. That particular solution that's being asked is 6 billion of federal money to simply buy bad loans without addressing the other problem. But I want to address some of the things Senator Schmit said, as I say, some of my words will probably be offensive. Yes, I concede completely the farm economy is in trouble and it will work its way out and it will be painful and not everybody will make it. A lot of them will go down. Out of it will probably come a stronger farm economy. However, I would submit to you, if you will honestly examine "your conscience" on this matter, you might have to admit even if it's only in a dark closet, that maybe the single most destructive thing that's been done to the farm economy are the subsidies. You created artificial value, you created artificially high production, you created artificial investment, you created a system of the most subsidized thing that this country has ever entered into for