

SENATOR HABERMAN: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you very much.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, I, too, rise in support of Senator Vickers, Senator Schmit and Senator Beutler. However, I wish to relinquish my time to Senator Schmit.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you, Senator Nelson. I'll not take a great deal more time because I'm sure you're all tiring of this situation, but let me tell you this. We would not be here today, we would not have been involved in this special session had it not been for the foolish policies of the federal government as it pertains to agriculture over the last 12 or 13 years and we are going to be here again and again and again and we're going to have the most difficult regular session beginning in January of 1986 that any of us have ever known, including Senator Warner who is in his twenty-third year unless the situation turns around. Now that's why, and Senator DeCamp has been one of the foremost proponents...

SENATOR HABERMAN: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...of an idea to assist the financial institutions of this state and I concur with that. But unless you do that, unless you restore some confidence to the system, ladies and gentlemen, unless you restore the value of the real estate, both rural and urban, you're going to find that this economy does not turn around. The University needs money. Schools need money. As Senator Johnson described so eloquently yesterday or day before, everyone needs money. But if you continue to cut the programs on this end and continue to raise the taxes on this end, eventually you're going to run out of a solution. The way to solve the problem is to put a floor under those real estate prices, reestablish some equity in that system so that you can come out here and start doing business again. And when you do that, you're going to turn the economy around, you will create wealth in this community, the State of Nebraska, and you're going to create revenue for the