

and there are no places that can do business as competitively as some of the states like Nebraska and some of the towns like Lincoln with our wage scales. We are, if we use it right, some of the most competitive there are. So if there is expansion, if there are changes, if there are new products to be produced, one has to think they would most likely be done here as anywhere. So I think to arbitrarily step in as 49 senators and make business judgments as to who should or shouldn't be allowed to offer to buy or sell a business at the going rates under free market conditions is simply not a province of government. And once having done it, you will pay the price later because you will have established the precedent now in your general business atmosphere other than agriculture that the Nebraska Legislature is going to make judgments as to who should be in business and who should be able to buy businesses in this state. If you can force Nebraska businesses not to have to sell to certain buyers, then rest assured other countries can do the same and you are in that vicious and very detrimental protectionist cycle. So I urge you not to adopt the resolution and to look at the subject more than just some employees saying this might jeopardize our pay level or this might offend us one way or another.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Schmit, then Senator Harris.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I will just be very brief. I am not sure that Senator DeCamp hasn't got some good points and I am not defending the management of Goodyear and I'm not condemning them. What I am saying is this.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Excuse me, Senator Schmit. (Gavel.) Would you hold the conversation down so we can hear the speaker. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHMIT: We are well aware of some of the problems that have developed because of attempted takeover of various companies and, as has been pointed out on this floor, some of those attempts are sincere and some are not. Those which are not cause great disruption in the marketplace and if you want to use economic power, John, you can use it many times for chicanery as well as for good. You talk about the government, you and I have both been on both coasts and in the south in the last month or so. We know that the United States government is the most...is the single most...I guess the most aggressive influence upon the marketplace that you have. They maintain prosperity in some places and they bring about destitution in others. So I would agree with you that sometimes government is