

SPEAKER NICHOL:    Senator Harris, please.

SENATOR HARRIS:    Mr. President, Senator DeCamp and I have disagreed on the national farm policy from day one. I happen to agree with him 100 percent on this particular point. This is a public relations move made on the part of the Legislature, in my opinion, and it deals with the continuation of what I would call three of the greatest misrepresentations ever been made to agriculture in the State of Nebraska. Number one, lower prices will automatically increase the exports of farm commodities. It was a myth, it was a misrepresentation, and it could be called a downright lie and it has been proven to be so in history. Number two, now is the best time for the new farmers to enter agriculture. Just show me a new farmer that is entering agriculture, find me that farmer, find me where he is going to get credit as a new person entering agriculture to make his living from that piece of property that he is buying and Senator DeCamp is absolutely correct, when you impair the ability of the lender to get hold of some of the collateral which might be all the collateral that that beginning farmer might have, you completely shut the door and you put out another warning sign to the lenders across the United States, the investors across the United States to stay away from Nebraska. The third, the third, and probably the only one that we can deal with on this level, on the state level, is the misrepresentation or the myth that LB 999 or LB 3 concept will help the troubled farmer. It simply will not happen that way. It is a public relations proposal. It is not designed to do anything but make us look like we are doing something for the farm sector. As I say, I have done my part, in my opinion. A lot of you have joined in that, done it on your own, you have gone out and fought for the farmer in different ways with different types of proposals and legislation but this is not one of those things that is going to do anything else than be a PR, public relations move on the part of the Legislature, and it will come back to haunt us, it will come back to hurt us. I'm talking about the future of the State of Nebraska and agriculture in addition to the tax revenues that we are going to be looking for in order to have the money to do the things that we think the State of Nebraska ought to be doing. Thank you.

SENATOR CARSTEN PRESIDING

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SENATOR CHAMBERS:    Mr. Chairman, Senator DeCamp is one of the