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SPEAKER: Senator Kelly has withdrawn his amendment, Senator Carstens.

SENATOR CARSTENS: Mr. President and members of the legislature I am in accord with some of these resolutions and I am very much concerned with the economy of Nebraska, but I am seriously doubtful whether this resolution states accurate facts. Now for example whereas continuing such policies as providing hundreds of millions of dollars to bail out Lockheed Aircraft Corporation and so on, I don't think that was ever done, I think that was a guarantee, and in case of default this would be done, and then I also know nothing about current plans under consideration to emasculate irrigation and water conservation practices in policies of the Federal Government. I have on my, in my locker a report of the study made, making recommendations about future irrigation and so on, but I have seen nothing and know nothing about plans to emasculate the irrigation and water conservation practices. Now I think we ought to get busy if we want to introduce resolutions, we at least ought to have an accurate statement of facts in the resolution, otherwise, they'll get at most the brush off and the worse a big laugh, and I think we ought to probably lay this over and get this thing down to some language, I couldn't support this resolution even if I were in 100% in favor of what's going on, or against what's going on. I couldn't support a resolution like this and I'm sure that there is other members here that possibly feel the same way and I think this matter ought to be discussed.

SPEAKER: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, I rise to support the suggestion Senator Carsten. A portion of my district is agriculture, I share the concern of everyone about some of the programs that have been reduced, I'm also aware of the fact that there is a general effort, Federal level, at least in the administrative side, to reduce the impact of the total Federal budget, most of us are concerned about inflation, most of us know that excessive spending by Government adds to inflation, I think that we, if we once become involved in this issue as the recommendation to our Congressional allegation, but then we have a responsibility not only to look at the important impact on agriculture but to look at other programs which have been reduced or abolished by executive order, to determine why they're not or may not be programs outside of these mentioned here which are important to Nebraska citizens in, express ourselves on those as well. Now if agriculture had been singled out as the only area to be reduced, then I think that would be a different thing. But my understanding includes a lot more than just agriculture. Now my remarks are not to be interpreted as not having concern for the fact that these agricultural programs have been reduced, but I do feel a concern for looking at the total picture if we are going to have a responsible suggestion made to our congressional delegation then I think we should look at the total picture and not just single out this one and ignore other possible areas in which there is an equal concern on the part of Nebraskans.

SPEAKER: Any discussion on the resolution? If not Senator Rasmussen, do you care to close? Excuse me Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: I want to talk on the resolution but as a City Boy, I'd like to know what these various agencies do, what's the purpose, and what's their function, this is making it rather tough on me, I don't want to hurt the economy of the State of Nebraska, but I would like to know what is involved, how much money, what are we talking about, what is the Farm Home Administration, I mean -

SPEAKER: Are you directing your questions to anybody?