

April 17, 1975

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: I move the Call be raised.

PRESIDENT: Question is shall the Call be raised. Record your vote.

CLERK: 22 ayes, 2 nays to raise the Call.

25 ayes, 1 nay on the original motion. Mr. President, Senator Dworak asks unanimous consent to have his name added.

PRESIDENT: The Call is raised. The resolution passes. Now what's the request for unanimous consent?

CLERK: Senator Dworak asks unanimous consent to add his name is all Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Is there an objection? So ordered. Senator Schmit. Do you want to read the resolution Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Read title to LR 31.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this is the resolution which I referred to several days ago when we were discussing LB 434. At that time I told you that we had drafted a resolution in conjunction with activity in several of the surrounding states that would petition the Congress of the United States and the United States Department of Agriculture to do that which we feel is necessary in order to properly effectuate the present policies of the meat and livestock industry. As you know the bill, LB 434, is a peacemeal approach and an attempt to help solve some of the problems that we have seen that have occurred here in recent months. At the present time if we, as a legislative body, would see fit to pass this resolution, and I hope that we would pass it with a strong vote of support, and advance it to the Congress it would tell the Congress that this body feels that the credit needs of the State of Nebraska are serious. That we need to realize that each section of industry and agriculture should properly bear that portion of credit for which they own the property. This morning we spent a considerable amount of time discussing LB 439, the usery increase bill. I think this points out the fact that the cost of money today, and the cost of operation, can be very critical in the success or failure of a business. Therefore, we feel, as a committee, the Committee on Agriculture and Environment feels in conjunction with similar committees in surrounding states that the United States Department of Agriculture should publish in the Federal Register a resolution similar to that which was published in December, 1973, which called for the retail food industry to pay the packer promptly for the livestock they purchased and the meat products they purchased. I would hope that this body would pass this resolution. It should not generate a lot of discussion. If the body does pass the resolution, then I would ask that LB 434 be bracketed on General File and be allowed to remain there to see what happens in the surrounding states, at least until this time a year from now. Therefore, I move that the resolution be adopted, and that copies of the resolution be forwarded to members of Congress and to members of the United States Department of Agriculture.