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Barnett is making but I don't believe that that point is further accomplished by adoption of it.

PRESIDENT: Do you want to close debate here, Senator Barnett? All right. The question is the adoption... Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President, I withdraw my objection.

PRESIDENT: All right. Then there is no objection. The amendment is withdrawn. Let's move on to the agenda.

CLERK: There is no further amendments offered to the Committee amendments, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: It is now 11:30 a.m. We will take LR 116.

CLERK: LR 116, Mr. President, was offered by Senator DeCamp and is found on page 502 of the Legislative Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp. Okay, read it, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: LR 116 introduced by Senator DeCamp. Read.

PRESIDENT: Senator John DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, there is a very special purpose for this resolution. One, it is instructional and informational to the people of Nebraska, and second, it is instructional to our members in Congress. Now everybody in this Legislature in the last couple of weeks have received a large number of letters, a large number of letters from people throughout Nebraska encouraging us, as State Senators, to correct the estate tax laws which they know are taking their farms when they die and want to turn them over to their children. The estate tax laws, the money they have to pay to the government is literally destroying the farms. We have legislation in this body and I have every belief in the world that it will pass. Unfortunately, not realized by almost all the people writing these letters is that is not going to correct the problem. You see, the problem is on a federal level, and unless Congress will act on this, anything we do becomes merely a token effort, and so this is to tell Congress, look, you have talked about this, and particularly, our Congressmen, you have talked about this year after year after year but somehow the proposal never moves beyond the first step and it is to tell the people of Nebraska start putting pressure where it will do some good on Congress so that we can go ahead and complete our part of the job here at the state level by making the proper exemptions here. But until they do respond, until they do react, the people of Nebraska who are counting on us to solve the problem are going to be confused and they will fail to understand that just passing one bill here is not going to solve the problem. So I would urge you to adopt the Resolution, both for informational purpose out there and also to give this very clear directive to the members of Congress,