

and for a period of time that exceeds the ninety days that we will be in session. This resolution was drafted in response to a request from a group of farmers and businessmen who gathered in Wahoo, Nebraska, last week and consulted with a group of us relative to the farm and economic crisis which we face today. They said at the time, Senator Lamb was there, Senator Beyer, Senator Jerry Miller, and representatives of several other legislative staffs were there. Senator Sieck's, I believe, Senator Smith's staff were represented. The persons who were gathered there were very appreciative of the fact that the Nebraska Legislature does plan in coordination with other Legislatures to travel to Washington to attempt to meet with administration officials, members of Congress, and others, and to convey to those individuals the serious economic stress which faces the middle west. There was a decision made by the group, however, that the trips might carry a little more authenticity if a farmer and a businessman from each of the twenty legislative districts were allowed to go along. They also suggested that Governor Kerrey accompany the legislators. I have not discussed Governor Kerrey's participation in that event with either the Governor nor with other members of the Legislature. I do believe that it would be helpful if the Governor could find the time to go with us. I do not believe it would usurp anything from the legislative efforts and that it would add, in fact, the stamp of approval of the administration of this State of Nebraska to our efforts. I think this is not the time for us to be concerned about who gets the credit for what happens, but for us to try to get some kind of solution to the dilemma which we face and hopefully all of us working together can accomplish that. I would like to point out also that many of the businessmen in Nebraska face the same problems as do our farmers. The businessmen in my community, particularly that of David City where we have had a bank failure and an elevator failure, are particularly aware of the situation which all of us face. But that realization is not confined just to Butler County, or to Cody, Kilgore, Dannebrog, Verdigre, those communities where banks have failed. That situation is persistent across the State of Nebraska. The resolution calls for the state to pay for those individuals who would make the trip. I do not know if that is possible or not but I did draft the resolution as requested by the people who were in attendance at that meeting. I believe it would add something if businessmen and farmers did go along on the trip. A number