

all these people testified at the committee hearing in favor of taking a closer look at this. Finally, here is one last letter that was entered in the record after the committee testimony and I think you should listen very clearly to this. "It is our firm belief that before the state can help itself out of the present depressed agricultural economy that we must amend Initiative 300 to exempt livestock and poultry production. Until our state faces reality and accepts the fact that some provisions of Initiative 300 are repressive, the agriculture industry of our state will continue to be economically stagnant." This was signed on behalf of the 27,100 Farm Bureau member families by Trenton Nowka. So don't please tell me that we're just talking about the big corporations. Now this Farm Bureau statement...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR LUNDY: ...is very clear in my mind and I'll close with one more statement and I apologize reading to you. I know you can read as well as I do, but I don't want to overburden you with more paper. This was a question asked in the hearing, committee hearing, by Senator Hall. Verbatim, "Would your organization in areas other than grain production, would you be opposed to any kind of modification of 300 as it sits right now?" The answer was, "No, I think that we would be willing to listen to some reasonable changes. We have the strongest anticorporation farm bill, it's not a bill, it's in the Constitution, of all the states and perhaps there ought to be some areas looked at." And that statement was by Neil Oxton of the Farmers Union. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Baack and then Senator Schmit, then, Senator Labeledz. Senator Baack.

SENATOR BAACK: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I rise to support this reconsideration by Senator DeCamp. I think the one thing we need to look at is the fact that Nebraska has built into its Constitution an awfully broad reaching protectionism and I think that this is something that undercuts some of the basic premises that our country was founded on, especially when you consider the free enterprise system and that is what we're supposed to operate under and I think that this Initiative 300 has undercut this basic premise. I also think that in western Nebraska we