

idea on this and we talk about the free enterprise system, the free enterprise system just may take us out into the boondocks and we won't have our land at all. So I support this situation. I think that is the wrong kind of funding to be putting in this land. There is plenty of legitimate sales to be had from those that would farm the land. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Cope.

SENATOR COPE: Mr. President and members, I am a farmer and a small business man and I understand exactly what is being said but I would have to disagree with Senator Schmit and Senator Vickers, I guess, on one point, and I think it is something to consider. They say the land... they can buy it and let it sit for 30 years and know they are going to come out ahead. Well, today with these billions of dollars in trusts, they have pretty smart money managers and with the rate that they can get just in solid investments today, I don't know what it will be ten years from now, but it might be more, it might be less, but they are looking at that angle and I don't care how fast land increases in prices it isn't increasing as fast as the percentage that they can get on their money, 18, 19, 20 percent right now. And I don't think that the scare is as bad as we are thinking about. My reason too for questioning is we did this same thing on corporations two years ago, three years ago, and actually I don't think it did a bit of good. All we have are just voluminous files of corporations that have registered. It has cost considerable money and it is a kind of a mixed up mess really. So think about those items when you vote.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker and members of the body, this body in the last several years has looked at this issue, first it was petro dollars and a number of other foreign interests and we were concerned. We were concerned about preserving the family farm and this bill to me is another family farm bill, and I don't understand how people can be misled to believe that pension funds are going to be carelessly invested in the areas where the return will not make certain profits for them. The rural members of our state and the nation have not been reduced today to what they are, it's due to technology, and for us to stand here and say we are going to curse the dollar that helps to make this nation what it is today to me is a dichotomy. I think the best thing the Ag Committee could