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LB 184

SENATOR BURROWS: Are they in the building?

SPEAKER MARVEL: We are voting on the Burrows amendment to LB 184.

SENATOR BURROWS: Proceed with the roll call.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Call the roll, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Read the roll call vote as found on pages 1766 and 1767 of the Legislative Journal.) 27 ayes, 11 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the Burrows amendment.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Okay, motion was carried.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Burrows, do you wish to explain the bill?

SENATOR BURROWS: Yes. Mr. Chairman and members of the body, I think one of the key things this Legislature should look at is the fact today we are surrounded by states with corporate farm legislation. North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, Oklahoma and Kansas, all of them have restrictions as to corporations coming in from the outside one way or other and buying up farmland. Now as the national corporations, and we can go through the whole spectrum, have more profits in the oil industry, the lenders, and the potential to buy massive amounts of farmland, we become the prime hunting ground out of the midwest for the purchase of large corporations, for the purchase of farmland by large corporations. We have a history in Nebraska that originated with 160 acres, the idea of capitalism as a private personal ownership. Now I am not asking you to think in terms of quarter sections but that of people and corporations that are owned by small or limited numbers of people, in this case family farm corporations where they have a majority of the stock, or authorized corporations where all of the owners of that corporation are individuals, none of them corporations and none of these aliens or nonresident aliens. We have had an Alien Ownership Act on the books since 1889 that deals well with the individual, but it does not stop alien ownership through a corporate system where they can parent and subsidiary corporations and hide the true ownership of that system. Why do we have a military to defend ourselves, when we allow a situation