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mation not caring much about how much they produce off of that land or what happens to it. I am not saying they aren't going to use good management or they are going to ruin it because I don't think that is the purpose but they are looking at that land as a hedge against a depression or whatever you want to call it, a breakdown of our financial system, and they are not looking at it the same way that a farmer looks at land, as a way of life and a way to raise a family and to survive in a good environment, I think. So I think we are at cross-purposes when we think that young farmers are going to be able to compete with large corporations and insurance companies that have unlimited capital and can bid up the land to any price that they want to pay for it. So I believe that it is time, and perhaps too late, I am almost sorry I didn't support Senator Burrows more in the past, because I think we have already let the horse out of the barn door and now we want to shut it but it could be that we are still in time to save a lot of our land for perhaps young farmers that want to start to farm. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I also want to speak this time in support of Senator Burrows' bill. I have supported it but the last time I thought that the discussion would have been sufficient to carry the bill through. I have mixed feelings on a measure like this where you restrict who can obtain land, Senator Burrows, but there come a time or times when you have to weigh different considerations, and if, in fact, and I think it will be accepted by the people in this body as a fact, that different enterprises, not just insurance companies, will invest in farm land, not for the purpose of producing farm products, then that land is taken away from the public for the use that it should be devoted to. And what I envision happening being the prophet of doom that I often am, Senator Burrows, is a situation where large corporations could buy up the land with the ultimate intention of producing farm products but take it out of production and let a crisis be created by certain products not being available, then having the land with which to produce the products, and thereby control prices. The country has been divided up or parts of it by large food processors and some would stay in one area, others would stay in another and they would not compete directly against each other. So I think what Senator Burrows is trying to do is have a situation exist at least in this state where land which could be used for farming purposes would not be misused by those whose only interest is to make money or