

now, it is inadequate. I don't see enough senators here to satisfy me, but I'm hoping that others will speak in favor of this proposition and perhaps more will come by the time we take a vote.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Howard Peterson.

SENATOR H. PETERSON: Mr. President, members of the body, Ernie, you are right, I did vote with you the other day. I wasn't too happy about the editorial in the Star, I appreciated Carol Pirsch putting out an item from the Christian Science Monitor stating what is happening in Britan, I have reproduced that again for you folks who are here today to show that it is possible for a garden program to work. I believe that it would work in north Omaha, I see no reason why it wouldn't. I have talked with the Horticulture Department here at the University, they tell me there is a full time horticulturist at the Extension Service in Douglas County who would be happy to work with you and along with the county agent and home agent. I also put out for you the information of how much money a garden plot 22' x 30', and if 22' x 30' isn't any larger than what we have here in the front area, a garden plot that size would save a family \$460 a year. Now that comes from the magazine from National Gardens and you can read that for yourself. I present it to you as facts, what is happening. The other thing I think you need to look at what is happening in the garden area as far as where gardening is taking place as far as age groups is concerned. Then one that I thought was rather interesting is that if people garden they also seem to save in other areas. They learn to turn their thermostat down more, if they are gardening. They apparently turn out their lights more if they are gardening. They get along with lower water heat temperatures in their water. They get along with less driving. They heed the 55 MPH speed limit, Ernie more, if they are gardening. So I would encourage by all means the... Ernie that you visit with your people in north Omaha, you have got a new city council now, a new city councilman, I can't think of a better project for the City of Omaha than to start out in the gardening area. I would say this: If you need to know something about a program of that kind, just go across the line to Council Bluffs and talk to the bank over there. They had a gardening program of this type a number of years back and it was very successful. I would just encourage that type of thing as an answer to this particular problem. I think it would be good for all of us. I know Ernie says there isn't any land over there.