

article that Senator Kahle referred to that was just recently printed as an expression of the City of Omaha of the deep indebtedness that they feel as far as agriculture's impact upon this city. I would also like to say, welcome to Senator Pirsch because my district is three-quarters agriculture although three-quarters of its population lies in the city and that she now belongs to that distinguished group of senators that call themselves "rurban" senators which is a combination of rural and urban districts. Thank you, agriculture.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and colleagues, I rise to support this resolution and I am thankful that Senator Schmit let me sign on with it. I am coming from a little different angle. I am going to speak as a business man, and I can tell you this, as farm economy drops so does business. And as the saying goes in Nebraska, as agriculture goes so goes the state, and this is certainly true. I urge you to support the resolution.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Lowell Johnson.

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I consider it a privilege to add my name to the resolution sponsored by various other senators this morning. I do not join in the threat of lack of popcorn for the body. In fact, I believe I see popcorn being served out in the rotunda along with the beef today. So if everybody needs popcorn today, it is available out there. I would like to also add that our family farm has been in the same family for a record I am sure of members in the body because it is now, or will be in October, one hundred and twenty-four years. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Richard Peterson.

SENATOR R. PETERSON: Mr. President and fellow colleagues, I, too, rise and I, of course, signed onto this resolution and I am glad so many have signed onto it. I think we can be thankful that we are in an agricultural area and that we do supply the food to feed the nation. It is sad in a lot of respects, I think, that so many people especially in the big cities do not realize who actually supplies their food and where it comes from. It has always disappointed me to that respect. And all I have got to say I hope there is a unanimous vote for this resolution, and, right on, agriculture.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kilgarin.