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SENATOR KILGARIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and members of the Legislature. I am not a "rurban" senator. I am an urban senator but I do support agriculture. About the only agriculture I have in my neighborhood, Senator Peterson, is the garden in our back yard. But there is a stockyards close by and my grandfather used to work there and we know the contribution agriculture does make to our city. So I ask unanimous consent to add my name to LR 250. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Chairman and members of the body, as a young man who was blown off the farm in the dirty thirties I have a special appreciation for agriculture and particularly Senator Schmit who tells me how much he loses every day but still succeeds and manages to stay on the farm. So I support the resolution.

PRESIDENT: Now we are ready for Senator Schmit to close, but before you do, Senator Schmit, let me introduce some visitors from Senator Hoagland's District. I presume, Senator Hoagland, they are under the south balcony, are they not? Under the south balcony over here and that is Ann Boyle, the wife of Mayor Mike Boyle from Omaha; Don Zern and Al Abrahamson, some business men from Omaha. Would the three of you stand and welcome to your Legislature folks. Now, Senator Schmit, would you please close on LR 250.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you. I believe Senator Warner wants to make a comment and then I will close.

PRESIDENT: You want to share your closing with Senator Warner. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, the thought just occurred to me after Senator Koch's comments that I did want to indicate that it is true that you can still make a small fortune farming but, of course, you have to start with a large fortune.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Warner, and now, Senator Schmit, that sets you up for a fine closing.

SENATOR SCHMIT: I really don't know how I can top that one, Senator Warner. I just want to say this that I am glad to have all of these urban people join us and I am glad to have my colleagues and many of you express your appreciation of agriculture. You know, I have a confession to make. I am no longer really a full-fledged farmer, I guess. The City of Bellwood, all 410 people, have now gone to 422. They