

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: I believe I've not visited with any of the other sponsors of the resolution. I know that ConAgra does know that we are very concerned and I'm sure that their attention, along with ours, has been brought by this this morning. And I will turn the rest of my time over to Senator Chizek.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chizek.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Mr. Clerk, I would just ask consent to have my name removed from the resolution, please.

SPEAKER BARRETT: If there are no objections. We will proceed to the list of those who presumably would wish to speak to the McFarland motion to indefinitely postpone the resolution. Senator Wehrbein, did you wish to speak to that matter?

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. President, just briefly. All I want to say, I oppose the kill motion. I think it's proper that we have something in the record indicating our concern for the indication of whatever ConAgra or other businesses may do. I think it's appropriate that we express our concern. It's been expressed in the Omaha area and it's been expressed in the Grand Island area, I think it's only appropriate. But since Senator Frank Korshoj passed out an article from the World-Herald this morning, I want to speak just briefly on that and not to particularly pass judgment on it but I think it ought to be read cautiously because I don't really agree with many of the premises that are in this. In fact, I would call some of it garbage, and I think before we take...I think that article ought to be read very carefully, not just read the headlines, I would call your attention particularly to the state rankings on the side. One of the areas where they rate us, if you go down, economic performance, business, development capacity, state policy, and they give us an F on state policy, which includes spending on education, export promotion, environmental laws and housing statistics. Now nearly everyone of those except statistics has to do with actions that we take in here and some of the things that we're doing. So, as they...as they pound on our state, and you think this is a criticism, perhaps it's a criticism of the Legislature itself, if it, in fact, is a realistic criticism. I'm not ready to accept that necessarily but I think before we use this as a hammer in many of our