

SENATOR SCHMIT: My constituents in the balcony do not have the resources that Mr. Harper's got. The only resource they have is their representative. There are not very many farmers in my district. But if I let down those people who I agree with, then I don't deserve to be here. I'm not afraid of the vote. The vote, whatever happens, I can... I will live with. It's the State of Nebraska that's going to suffer. And, ladies and gentlemen, I'm convinced that regardless of what we do we're going to be in some deep trouble. You do not solve the problem by the passage of 219CA. It's on the books, vote upon it this fall, if you want to. It's a poor time to vote for it in the spring. But let's be in the real world, let's know the pressures that have been exerted, let's know what took place over the lunch hour, let's know what took place last night, and let's acknowledge it, let's not hide our head in the sand and pretend this has all been above board and our own free will decisions.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Time.

SENATOR SCHMIT: We're all 21 years old, we know better than that. Thank you, Madam Chairman.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: I waive.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Madam Speaker, I do, too, urge for reconsideration. And I feel myself as a state senator I think I know both sides of the fence. I represent an urban district, and I also know, I think, the agricultural community. I'm like kind of maybe Bud Robinson. This is very, very difficult for all of us. But I would hope as... the same as Senator Schrock has said, a number of the other senators, that this is the time that we stand up and we be statespersons. The state is looking, very much, towards us today, I will guarantee you that. I can see no sense, since it's going to be on the October or the ballot this fall, to leave that insecurity out there. Last weekend it was not my urban folks that I was hearing from, it was the rural people, the rural elevators, that pile of grain out there on the ground, an implement dealer, I have 19 employees, Arlene, I've not sold anything for 90 days and I'm simply just trying to hang on, to keep my employees there. If a