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we are in session and can adjust it. And on that basis, I certainly support Senator Wehrbein's amendment, which moves the date back to the period of time when we are in session. Whatever amendments are offered, I think we should keep in mind that we have to retain the flexibility to make this bill work. I congratulate Senator Dierks on the bill. I think it's a necessary thing. I agree completely with him that this is an issue where Nebraska should lead the nation and I commend him for bringing this bill so that we can put the problem foremost before Congress. But, again, I would mention that I believe any deadline that we eventually arrive at should be during the next legislative session and not later than April 15th, so I support Senator Wehrbein's amendment.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Matzke. On the Dierks amendment, Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, I rise in support. I'm kind of like Senator Matzke. I had my light punched for some other amendments, but now that we're on the Dierks amendment I rise in support of it. But I just wanted to make a couple comments that I think need some discussion. First of all, there's been some comments that we're first in the nation, it's going to be...work a hardship on perhaps Nebraska. I got to tell you, it's worked a hardship on Nebraska for a long time. It's hard to keep youth down on the farm when you can't make a profit. We talked about that when the bill was first up. And I thought it was interesting that Senator Wehrbein has a bill to help young farmers. Why do we want to help young farmers to go down on the farm if they can't make a profit? I mean, I had said to Senator Wehrbein, that's almost like child abuse. You send these kids and try to encourage them to go out and take up farming as an occupation and they lose money. We need to do whatever it takes to make a profit out there on...on...in the production agriculture if we expect young people to go down on the farm. We don't have to make incentives to get them on the farm if they can make a profit. The problem we've had over the years, as everybody, I'm sure, in this body understands, is that youth have not...nobody is making a profit in production agriculture anymore and there something has to be done, and if we don't do it in this body who's going to do it? What this does, in my opinion, is puts the...sort of puts the pressure on