

possible for anyone not either being born into a farm or marrying into a farm, it is just about impossible for young people to get started and in order for them to keep, so that they can at all, even these that are born under these farms, in order to keep it good for them we have to prevent the corporation farming. When you think of Curtiss Candy and some of those, they don't buy cattle by the carload, they buy them by the trainload and it don't make any difference to them, they can raise this and they can do it at a loss, I know even in a small way the fact of the matter is since I got in the legislature I pay less income tax now than I did when I was farming with my whole income. So what is the answer, I am even using the farm for a writeoff, I think.

I don't want to go into that because it's been gone over by people much more able than I am and you have been working on that quite a little and I want to thank you, Senator. I want to thank the people of my county for raising you and for giving your folks, for letting you go on to Madison.

He was down there as a Senator, he did a good job for us, he was Governor and he made a few mistakes, I was assemblyman at the time, I was in the hospital part of the time so I wasn't around to advise him all the time. He's gone on to the Senate and I think all of us will agree that in spite, even if I wasn't able to advise him, he's done a remarkable job. I want to thank you for this opportunity, Senator, and I want to thank these good people for coming out and it makes it a whole lot easier for legislators to know what the people are thinking and to know that they are interested.

Senator NELSON. Well, I want to thank Assemblyman Dueholm for coming here today. My father was a friend of your father's for 50 years and I think it is pretty obvious to everybody the reason I left Polk County was there wasn't room for two of us there.

I understand Mr. James Heike of Mondovi has arrived.

Do you have a statement?

Mr. Heike, the committee welcomes your appearance here today.

STATEMENT OF JAMES HEIKE, AUCTIONEER AND REAL ESTATE BROKER, MONDOVI, WIS.

Mr. HEIKE. Thank you.

I don't believe I have any more copies of my statement available, but I will give you this one when I am finished.

I am James Heike, Mondovi, Wis.

Senator NELSON. How do you spell your name?

Mr. HEIKE. H-e-i-k-e.

Mondovi is 20 miles south of here. I live on a farm and I am an auctioneer and real estate broker.

The family farm is a classic example of the American small business enterprise, an institution which has been held in esteem by all of you Americans here.

In my judgment the time is now when we must decide whether or not it will be forced to vanish from the American scene.

This realization has been brought about by the changes that have occurred in recent years in the area in which I have been a part of during my entire life.