

Five, give the family farmer at least an even tax break. One example I would like to cite would be to discontinue personal property tax on livestock. This method of taxation has been outdated for 50 years; it was workable when all farmers were basically livestock men. With today's large corporation "cash croppers," with thousands of dollars invested in machinery and equipment on which there is no tax, and the broiler operators and feeder pig raisers who never own any livestock over 4 months old, this tax must go.

Six, the danger of integrated farming must also be recognized.

Thank you.

Senator NELSON. I want to thank you very much, Mr. Heike.

Now, is there anyone else who wishes to make an appearance? We have time for a few more brief appearances.

Please give your name to the reporter.

STATEMENT OF BERNARD KINNEY

Mr. KINNEY. My name is Bernard Kinney.

Senator Nelson, most of the things that I would like to have said have already been said. The man before me, I believe, said it probably as good as anybody could say it, but one of the things that bothered me here today, family farm, corporate farm, are emotional words. They are mentioned and people stand up and cheer or they boo or whatever. I talked to friends of mine in town, the signs read "corporate farming." Right away they assume you are coming here to testify, you are talking against corporations, something that has made America, but right away an image comes into mind, you are a Socialist or Communist or something else; we are not.

I think there should be another word used, absentee farming, or something else. It gives an image of something that we are not trying to remedy, we are not trying to ruin corporations, we are for them, that is what made America.

It is absenteeism of these conglomerants that are hurting us and I think you have your problems, like you said, you couldn't get them out of the committee, you can't get this bill out, you can't get that bill, and part of it is this same problem, I do believe, and we have to try to explain our position to people in town and I think the word "corporate" makes it harder for us for one thing. They are emotional words and I think we ought to try to get back and use words that have a meaning that won't disturb people and make it harder for you to pass legislation that will help us.

There are a lot of people that spoke here this morning, the professor, they are the people I believe that if we could get research grants for them like the one man was begging for, the corporations have this money, they have advertising in the paper; you see full-page ads that influence other people and these people influence their Congressmen which our urban people will not let us do these things, get these laws that we need and I think the main emphasis should be in Congress, to get the Government agencies to enforce the laws we have on the books.

I firmly believe there are tax laws right now that could eliminate a lot of the evil developing in this agriculture situation. One of the