Nebraskans can help reduce the nation's debt by exercising their own authority and taking part in the political process, U.S. Rep. Jeff Fortenberry said on Wednesday night at a town hall meeting at the Norfolk Area Chamber of Commerce.

"Nebraska invented the phrase," he said. "We need to 'git-r-done.' "

The federal government is derived from the consent of the people, he said, and if individuals do not engage in the system and show to Washington, D.C., that they want something done about the federal deficit, it will keep accumulating.

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