

SENATOR NICHOL: My next question is this. You have one 8430 that you test. You don't test every 8430 that comes into the state, do you? Don't you just test one?

SENATOR SCHMIT: They test several models, I believe.

SENATOR NICHOL: Pardon me.

SENATOR SCHMIT: They test at least one, and maybe several models.

SENATOR NICHOL: It's worth this much just to know the horsepower of them? Does it test any safety....

SENATOR SCHMIT: There are many tests that they are subjected to. It's a rather broad, comprehensive test. It's not just a horsepower test. It is not just a drawbar horsepower test.

SENATOR NICHOL: Okay, thanks.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nelson Merz.

SENATOR MERZ: Mr. President, fellow senators. I think I could give you a little more information on this being in the tractor business a few years. I talked to the testing lab awhile ago and they say that they took in right at \$200 thousand instead of \$120 thousand, as Senator Schmit stated. They will also test these big power irrigation units that are getting to be quite a problem in Nebraska. Also some of these big tractors now they have to strip the cabs, the airconditioner and everything else to get them in this 12 foot door. This new building will have an 18 foot door. So this is one of their problems. Also he showed me where two tractors, that were tested last year, were five horsepower short of what the manufacturer stated. So this can be more of a rip-off than half a million dollars in a years time. Also this plant will test irrigation equipment, as I stated, and solar power, which we all know is important. Our energy crisis is upon us so solar power would be one of the, in my opinion, possibly more important to us than tractor testing. With these tractors now in the neighborhood of...some of the competition I won't mention the brand, have gone up to about 500 horse now. So they claim it takes six foot of concrete base to test these tractors. So it's quite a complicated affair. Also another important item is the horsepower per gallon of fuel. As we know there is a fuel problem. I'm sure our tractors... I've noticed them for years how these diesels have come up in horsepower per gallon. We all know what a saving this can be. I was against this at the start. I've done some checking the last couple days. I can see a lot of advantages here. Also I think if you wish for Senator Schmit's amendment, we can do this on a little less money than what was originally planned.

PRESIDENT: Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: Mr. President, I'd ask for the question.

PRESIDENT: Are there five seconds? I see five seconds. The question is shall debate now cease. Record your vote. Vote promptly, please. Have you all voted? Record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 4 nays.