

to do it. And anyone that debates that, you have no idea what it costs to put in those vegetable crops. When you're talking onions or you're talking some of those things, you're talking approximately ten to twelve times as much investment as you are in an acre of corn, so we're talking about tremendous amounts of capital that go into these kind of crops. That kind of capital is not available through the small family farmer, plus the processors, when they come in, they have to have a steady supply of this crop and they cannot do that at first. After they have been there a while, they have the crop established, the farmers understand how to raise the crop, yes, they can, it works. But it doesn't work when they initially come into a state. I think, you know, something else to mention is the fact that we are creating nothing new in the statutes of the State of Nebraska. Right now you can form a business trust in the State of Nebraska. It is addressed in many of our Uniform Commercial Codes. It talks about business trust. All 337 does is it spells out the method for forming these trusts. It spells out what hoops you have to go through to become a business trust in the State of Nebraska. We've never had those statutorily put into statute, therefore, that is what LB 337 does. I think something else to bring out is the fact that there are a lot of other states that have the business trust. In fact, there is 21 other states that have business trust statutes and several of those states are states that have a constitutional limitation on corporate farming, but yet they have the business trust in their statutes. So, with that, I...this does deal with some of the things of Initiative 300, it doesn't deal with all of the things dealing with Initiative 300. It talks about other corporate...there could be corporations formed or business trusts formed to do all kinds of other things. It isn't specifically talking about agriculture. We can use venture capital for other kinds of things coming into this state. I think the State of Nebraska needs to emphasize to other industries, to other businesses outside of this state, we are a state that wants business in this state, we ought to open up every avenue possible to bring these businesses in and the business trust is simply another avenue that has opened up to businesses outside of this state to coming into this state and doing business. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

**SPEAKER BARRETT:** Thank you. Senator Nelson, followed by Senators Rupp and Pappas.

**SENATOR NELSON:** Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I'm almost like Senator Weihing, and the body is empty, but my reason for