

SENATOR MCKENZIE: I believe...

SENATOR SCHROCK: If they pick it up at an elevator or a farmers grain bin in Iowa, do they not pay the Iowa check-off?

SENATOR MCKENZIE: I believe they do.

SENATOR SCHROCK: And then they will take possession of the corn in Iowa and bring it to the Cargill plant in Blair. Is that correct?

SENATOR MCKENZIE: I would guess they would transport...

SENATOR SCHROCK: At that time there will be no check-off because they own the corn when it enters Nebraska.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: I would assume that's correct.

SENATOR SCHROCK: You know, I'm not opposed to your amendment, I'm for it. But you're not going to circumvent Cargill from buying a lot of corn in Iowa, which they will do, I hope they do. Corn is a very liquid commodity. But they will not pay a Nebraska check-off on that corn, they will pay an Iowa check-off on it, and they will bring it to Nebraska, they will have taken possession, and there will be no check-off funds to the Iowa...to the Nebraska fund. Now, if the farmer or the elevator that owns the grain in Iowa brings it to Nebraska and the point of sale is at Blair, then I understand you can check it off.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: That's correct.

SENATOR SCHROCK: But I submit to you a large portion of that corn used at Blair could come from Iowa, southern Minnesota, it could be railed in on unit trains. They're going to use a lot of corn and they're not going to get it all from around Blair. And there will be no Nebraska check-off on that corn. Iowa will have a half a cent check-off, it will go to the Iowa fund, or Minnesota has a half a cent check-off, it will go to the Minnesota fund, and I suppose Nebraska farmers benefit. But the economic benefit to that Blair plant is to more than farmers, it's to the total state of...to the total State of Nebraska. So, you can't fill that void. You can't plug that hole, it's there and there's nothing you can do about it without violating some kind of interstate commerce trade packs that are federal