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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR DIERKS: ...a lot of people don't, but that's the way the business is done. So I...I...the plants that we're trying to put together now, the two plants, one of them near Plainview, and the other one over by...over by Axtell, these are plants that are being put together and going to be operated by co-ops of farmers; it isn't corporate America that's doing that, and they need the funding, quite frankly. And we feel like it is good economic development for rural Nebraska, and I think we need to do everything we can to support that. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members, in response to a question that's been raised by Senator Chambers about why the plants are not located where the...the fuel is needed, the answer has to do with volume and transportation. The volume of corn that it takes or other agricultural produce to make the...the ethanol is much larger and heavier and difficult to transport. And so the plants need to be located close to the source of the agricultural product that's being used. And then the process distills a substance so that it's concentrated and is much more easily transportable. And so the...the...the plants must be in close proximity to where the produce is, and that's why it makes a difference for the...the people in the immediate area of the plant who are producing the agricultural product that is being used to make the ethanol. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Chambers. Time. (Laughter)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Right, time for me to start. Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this bill is one of those that may have enough votes for cloture and may not. I want you all to know that you did not succeed in wearing me down. And if you go ahead an vote cloture, you will not in any way upset me, you will not offend me. It will take its place with LB 75 and give me something else to use for my purposes farther down the line. And maybe some of these people who are giving such strong support for it will get enough nerve to go ask somebody in the Governor's office what he's likely to do.