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SENATOR KEYES: Shaver's Food Market of Omaha?

SENATOR NICHOL: Pardon me?

SENATOR KEYES: Shaver's Food Market of Omaha?

SENATOR NICHOL: No, no relation. This gentleman buys potatoes out in the west end of the state and washes them, packages them and resells them.

SENATOR KEYES: Well I just want to bring out that we are permitting some bureaucracy to double, we are giving them permission to double the tax and the tax seems not to be taken off of the price of the potatoes that the wholesaler pays to the farmer but it seems to be a price that is going to add it to the consumer. I am going to support the bill but I just want the people of this state to know that we are giving permission to a bureaucrat to double the tax. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Wesely and then Senator Kahle.

SENATOR WESELY: I would like to ask Senator Nichol a couple of questions if that is all right?

SENATOR NICHOL: It is all right with me.

SENATOR WESELY: I am just curious, what...Senator Keyes asked you the questions about the money and how much was raised, what does the Potato Development Committee do? I mean what do they use the money for?

SENATOR NICHOL: That is a good question. The answer is, in the past they have given money to the Panhandle Station of University of Nebraska for development of better seed, killing of diseases, insecticides, pesticides that work better in the realm of potato development.

SENATOR WESELY: Oh, so it is not like for promotion or anything like that? It is for research and...

SENATOR NICHOL: Yes, it could be. It could be. It would be up to the committee to decide how they spend that money, yes, it could be.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay, thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. Speaker, members, this is kind of an