

development of a plastic industry based upon some utilization of cornstarch. Of course that will require, if we develop that to the maximum extent of the...as is envisaged by Senator Heiner, the utilization of many, many millions of pounds of cornstarch and somehow or other that could, of course, be consistent with the development of an ethanol industry. The livestock industry is becoming more and more interested in the utilization of distillers wet grains as a feed. We recognize that Nebraska has, from time to time, shown signs of strength in the livestock industry. We recognize that Iowa Beef Products is going to utilize the facility at Lexington that will slaughter 4,000 cattle a day. There have been individuals who have come to Nebraska in the last several weeks and visited with myself and others about bringing additional feedlot capacity to Nebraska, and some of them are directly interested in tying into the existing plant at Hastings where they can utilize the distillers dry grains out there, or else to utilize the construction of an alcohol facility where they can utilize the slurry and the distillers wet grains as a feed stock for the livestock. I want to point out also that I have here a memo from the President to Governor Sununu who is his chief advisor from the White House, it's on White House stationary. It says, please ask our policy people to get the various departments geared up so that we can move ahead on ethanol. I have a number of other similar kinds of pieces of evidence which I think indicate that the ethanol industry is a very viable industry, one which is growing. I want to point out again that Nebraska sits in a very desirable position. We are the western most area of the corn belt and we are on the eastern end of an area, such as Denver, Albuquerque and Phoenix, a number of the cities which have trouble with clean air, therefore we are going to be the most likely provider of...

PRESIDENT: (Gavel.) Could we please have it more quiet so that we can hear the speakers. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Appreciate that, Mr. President, because, if they are not going to listen to me, I hope they don't listen to Senator Haberman either. But anyway to get on with my argument, the point is that we are in a position to be the principal producers, not only of ethanol, but of an ether additive, ETBE, which is going to be utilized in many of our cities as an additive for what we call oxygenated fuels. Now we can either proceed to develop that industry, or we can take a back seat to the methanol industry and the coal industry which have, in fact,