

SPEAKER BARRETT: Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Schmit would move to amend Senator Haberman's amendment by striking the language "produced in Nebraska."

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Schmit, on your amendment to the amendment.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, Mr. President and members, I have no objection to Senator Haberman identifying the three commodities, wheat, corn and grain sorghum, as the commodities which should benefit from this program, because historically of course oats and soybeans do not participate. So I see nothing wrong with identification of those three commodities. But I do think it's necessary to strike the three words "produced in Nebraska" because it is impossible to determine one kernel of corn from another, one kernel of wheat from another once it's delivered to a Nebraska elevator. Senator Haberman, particularly from his part of the state, is going to find some grain delivered to Nebraska elevators from Kansas, and maybe even from Colorado. I want to point out that if the grain is delivered there, it pays the tax there, regardless of the point of origin. So, if it pays the tax, then I do not see what the difference is to Senator Haberman whether or not it is produced in Nebraska or not. I would like to remind you that years back, when we created the various checkoff boards, we tried to be definitive about grain produced in Nebraska, and we finally decided that you couldn't identify, to any degree of certainty, grain that was produced in Nebraska as opposed to grain that was produced somewhere other than Nebraska. I agree with Senator Haberman that Nebraska was the leader in this program, that we ought to try, to the maximum extent possible, to benefit grain producers in Nebraska. But I believe that the present bill, with the Haberman amendment as amended by the proposed amendment that I have offered, does that. I would hope that you would adopt my amendment to Senator Haberman's amendment, identify the three classes of grain that would be cooperating in this program. But to delete the three words "produced in Nebraska", because it is simply not possible to identify those grains and be certain about it. It's going to be ignored anyway, if you put that language in the statute, why should we cause any concern for elevator operators who are not going to be able to know where the grain originated from. As you all know, many farmers who