

SENATOR SMITH: Yes, but see I don't think that's the argument they're making. The argument they're making is how would you be able to assure that that was...that they were using only Nebraska products. Would there be a problem that would result? If you put a piece of...add this amendment to the bill stating that it could only be Nebraska products, and in fact how would you assure that that would be the case? Could you keep a plant...

SENATOR HABERMAN: By the same, by the same token, Senator Smith, how can they assure me that it won't be the case?

SENATOR SMITH: Senator Schmit, would you like to have the remainder of my time to discuss a little bit further my concern about...with this amendment and, short of your amendment to his amendment, what could or would happen, would there be any problem that would arise if this amendment were attached when we know that we can't really basically certify or assure that the grain would only be Nebraska grain.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, thank you, Senator Smith. I will try to be as brief as possible. There isn't any realistic way which you can identify a bushel of corn once it enters into the marketing stream. The individual elevator operator may know where the grain comes from, but once it is dumped in the pit it becomes a blended product. So, therefore, over the years we've come to realize that we just cannot identify, and be realistic about it, a Nebraska identified product. We recognize that whenever you consume a bushel of grain, regardless of its origin, it is beneficial to the industry and it means that there is one less bushel of grain to be in storage. So it doesn't make any difference, really, whether the grain was produced in...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...Nebraska or Colorado or Kansas or Wyoming, because so long as we consume the grain there is a positive impact upon agriculture. So I would hope that we would adopt my amendment to the Haberman amendment, because otherwise all we do is create a problem for the elevator operator, and they're going to, one time or another, violate the law and there isn't any reason for it. We could create a problem for the ethanol plant, and we should not create problems where there is no need to create one. So I would hope that we would certainly not adopt