

SENATOR MORRISSEY: I briefly discussed this with you yesterday, Senator. In the bill, could you give me a definition of an ag production facility?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Ag production facility?

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Yes.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, it would be a facility which would utilize agricultural products I would assume.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: What I am getting at is what I talked to you about briefly yesterday.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Trying to find out if you can get some of this money for your chicken house? Is that right?

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Yes, does 5 million chickens a year, does that, would that qualify as an ag production facility is what I am wondering. I heard you say earlier that the cattle feeding industry could benefit. Now is that just because of their use of by-products, not necessarily the use of the corn for feed or anything like that?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, the livestock industry, of course, is a heavy user of protein products, and distillers dry grains or distillers wet grains are a high concentrate of protein, and they could utilize that protein. The poultry industry, of course, also uses much protein, and to the extent that they would benefit from the protein developed from this kind of an institution or installation, they would benefit. But if you will check the definition of agricultural production facility on page 4 of LB 587 it states it shall mean a plant or facility related to the processing, marketing, or distribution of any products derived from grain components, co-products, or by-products, so I would assume that it would not...it would not include the poultry facility to which you are referring.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: All right, then, I just would say then we keep falling through: the cracks down there. I keep looking for a little wedge to get in somewhere and get a little for these chickens. It looks like we just fell through another crack here, though. We are not indirectly producing or we are not producing jobs directly but indirectly. With 30 producers, we can create over 100 jobs and we just keep falling through the