

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, here's what I would be willing to do. I would be willing to put money into preserving an artistic rendering of those tractors but the tractors themselves do constitute something different than the art work so I think that Senator Moore's attempt to make the two things the same does not really wash. I can see what it is you're trying to do but I don't think we have the same thing here as we had on Senator Kristensen's amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Weihing, please, on the amendment, followed by Senators Moore and Korshoj.

SENATOR WEIHING: Senator Chambers, I would like very much to speak to some of the topics that you brought up. There are many pieces of machinery that were created here in Nebraska that have been extremely beneficial to this state. Nebraska is agriculture and the people in the early days had to...were confronted with weather conditions that they did not have, soil conditions, moisture conditions, that they did not have in the areas from which they came. They may have come from the eastern part of the United States or from Europe. There were many unique items of equipment that were developed and I will speak with regards to western Nebraska and it's not limited to western Nebraska because I want to point out a particular person's name for eastern Nebraska, Mr. Chase, which was the person that created the Department of Agricultural Engineering here at the university. That department is world renowned in the many areas. Mr. Chase and Mr. Cushman were together as students and started the bicycle repair and development. They were educated people and during...and Mr. Chase went into the academic. Mr. Cushman continued Cushman's, that became Cushman's Motors, a very well known company here in Lincoln that furnished the Cushman Scooters during World War II that were known throughout the entire world and this kind of thing developed that's a historical base. But going to western Nebraska when they broke out the lands they were fertile and there was the wind erosion that took place, the soil erosion that took place, and the farming of those lands were in serious danger of being lost. The development of various items of equipment of the high plains which has made those lands highly productive took place in many instances right on the farms. The individual farmers have contributed fundamental ideas within the development of machinery, probably far more than engineers. Engineers would bring about the mass production but when it came to the actual creation that controlled or brought about the tillage or the