

I have spoken to say is \$850,000...first of all, how do you have the right to bid...to sell your right to bid. The Reconstruction Trust Corporation had said only those who had bid before would be allowed to bid. It never occurred to me, and far be it for me to claim to be brilliant. It never occurred to me that I could sell my right to bid. The facts are that someone somewhere pulled a little bit of chicanery. No doubt it involved the Reconstruction Trust. It may have involved some politicians. It may have involved a lot of people about whom we are not conversant here today. But somehow or other in total contradiction to the Reconstruction Trust Corporation's advice, they decided that you can sell your right to bid, and so the Chief Industries bought the right to bid without anyone else knowing that there was even such a market. I kind of think that maybe had they come to Nebraska Integrated Ag Producers, they might have sold for 800,000 or \$800. But in any case, once Chief had that right to bid, they are a large company, a successful company, knowledgeable company, they, then, or six weeks later, the same day that, as I understand, that they negotiated this agreement with Mr. Thompson, they bought the plant. And then he said, now it is not profitable unless we have the 20-cent per gallon production credit. I said is it possible, Mr. Eihusen, that because of the fact that you had the 20-cent per gallon production credit available to you, you paid more than the plant was worth. And he chuckled and said, well, who knows, something to that effect. The facts are that at this time \$3 million per year of Nebraska taxpayer money is going into that plant. Under this proposal, it will continue to go four years, five years, seven years.

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: If it goes four years, he will have the entire cost of the plant back from Nebraska taxpayers, not one dollar of their own investment in it. If it goes five or six years, they will have one and a half or one and three quarters times what it cost them. That is not what I call the good intentions of this Legislature. I think Mr. Chizek, Senator Chizek, something is awry. It has already happened to a certain extent. We cannot change what has happened in the past, but we do not need to perpetuate that error and continue that error. And to do so is an injustice to the program, and I insist that as of today, you have not seen one word in the press about this. If Loran Schmit had sold his right to bid to Virg Eihusen, what would the reaction have been in this body? You would have